



BUSINESS BOOST AS FIRMS EXPAND

Report by Jonny Drury

TWO prominent Oswestry businesses are to expand – signalling further optimism for the town centre's retail future.

Mayor Vince Hunt this week welcomed the expansion and also warmly greeted other moves to open up closed retail units in the town centre.

The Meat Man in Oswestry has confirmed it is looking to open a new healthy food bar while award-winning Booka Bookshop is expanding into the upstairs of its building.

The positive news comes as two shops in Cross Street are due to open in coming weeks.

Designs in Mind, an art studio in Cross Street, is opening a pop-up shop to sell its retail line, Jolt, between July 8-22 while Nightingale House Hospice is planning to open a charity shop later this year.

In recent years Cross Street has seen several buildings lie empty for a number of years, despite the town council contacting the owners and calling for them to be actively marketed – but now the future is looking brighter.

Councillor Hunt said: "It's brilliant to see existing businesses expanding and committing their long-term future to the town but it's also great to see these empty shops are getting filled, as the town council and Shropshire Council have worked hard to get this problem sorted."

"Some might say Oswestry is a small town but it's a small town that punches an awful long way above its weight."

"In the next few months we've got the food festival, which always attracts lots of visitors to the town, and we've just appointed some market champions, who alongside markets manager David Clough, are looking to improve the overall customer experience at the markets."

Strength

Booka Bookshop, set up almost eight years ago by Tim and Carrie Morris, has gone from strength to strength.

With customer numbers growing and the shop becoming more popular, the owners have decided to expand by taking over the whole of their current home in Church Street. A retail area is being expanded in the upstairs of the building.

Mr Morris said: "We're well established in Oswestry now, and we're optimistic this new move will help us move to the next step."

With health shops popping up all over the country, The Meat Man's Tom Brown is set to open his own health bar.

After spotting a gap in the market, the fitness fanatic jumped at the chance to give the town something it has never had before.

Mr Brown has earmarked a vacant town centre premises and is now awaiting confirmation on the building. He hopes the health bar will be open by the end of the year, and confirmed it could bring up to five new jobs.

Mr Brown said: "People are fed up of eating from unhealthy shops. It is a trend all over the country. More people are exercising and eating clean. Times are changing."

Crisps are top of the pecking order for Ernie



Ernie the ibis likes to share Vicky Courtney's crisps at her home in Knockin Heath – and will even take a sip of her wine

ERNIE certainly rules the roost in the Courtney household.

The exotic bird – a sacred ibis – was hand reared by Vicky Courtney after he was abandoned by his parents in bad weather last summer.

Now he spends his days, not in the aviary with other birds at Broome House, Knockin Heath, but in the house with two humans, a dog, and two cats.

During the day Ernie is free to roam and fly where he pleases.

But every evening he returns home and goes into the house, where he sleeps in a dog cage in the kitchen.

He caused a stir recently when on his travels when he landed in the grounds of Whit-

tington Castle where villagers were amazed to find they could get close to him.

Vicky is now asking people who might see Ernie not to be worried about him or try to catch him.

She said: "He always makes his way home. He is not at all valuable but he has become one of the family. He was missing for a few days earlier this year and we think someone may have trapped him somewhere."

The parent Ibises live in the family's aviary and had been rearing four chicks when an unusual cold spell last August saw them abandon their nest. Vicky said: "We discovered three dead chicks and one that was unconscious. I took it in and warmed it up, slowly, with a hair dryer and it revived."

From then on Vicky had to hand-ear the chick using cat food.

Christened Ernie the bird grew quickly and resisted all attempts to return him to the aviary. She said: "Ernie loves living in the house. He will set on my lap watching television and is happy to sit on the sofa with our dog and two cats."

"He is free to go in and out as he pleases and, in this hot weather, he has been happier inside. He is not a pet because he is free to fly away. But every night he returns and wanders into the house."

Ernie loves getting up onto Vicky's shoulders and being carried around. He also likes to share her crisps and is even partial to a sip of wine.

SPORT

Clubs may link up to build 8,000-seater stadium for town

DISCUSSIONS have started to bring an 8,000-seater football and rugby stadium to Oswestry.

Champions League football could be held in the town centre if the plans by The New Saints FC, FC Oswestry Town and Oswestry Rugby Club get the go-ahead. Mike Harris, TNS owner and businessman, said he had met with representatives from both other clubs and is now hoping for council backing.

He said: "It is early stages, but discussions between potential parties have taken place and if the council backs it it will be an exciting opportunity."

"It could be up to 8,000 seats, and that would allow us to hold our Champions League games in the town, and for FC Oswestry to potentially have FA Cup games in the town when it comes to it, which would be massive. The details of everything aren't 100 per cent clear yet, but it would be a superb development, it would create jobs for the town."

The land has been identified and discussions have already taken place with the landowner, Oswestry Town Council.

Nick Maguire, director of football at FC Oswestry Town in the North West Counties League said the club had been looking for a site in the town for three years.

Rugby chairman and deputy leader of Shropshire Council Steve Charmley said they've been looking to expand and this could be the opportunity to explore that.

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Major route stays closed for repairs

A WOMAN had to be rescued from her car after it hit a barrier on a road bridge near Oswestry.

The vehicle was left precariously close to the parapet of the bridge that carries the A5/A483 Chirk bypass over the River Ceiriog.

Following the crash on Monday the northbound carriageway of the trunk road remained closed all day Tuesday so that the Highways Agency could make barrier repairs.

The accident happened at about 6.34pm on the busy road between the Halton and Gledrid roundabouts.

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Emma, 18, takes beauty crown



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AM voices concerns about impact of cuts on planners

Report by Jonny Drury

A POLITICIAN has spoken of his concern about the impact funding cuts are having on a local authority's planning department.

Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George has admitted he is aware of issues involving planning cases dealt with by Powys County Council.

His comments come after the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed an investigation, suspended in September 2014, has ended and no prosecution will be brought.

A member of staff was suspended and was under police investigation for 'allegations of fraudulent planning issues'. The officer was not named by police or the county council, and after his suspension he resigned before a council inquiry was completed.

A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said: "Following consideration in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors it was concluded there was insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction."

Mr George has been working with a number of constituents on various planning cases matters, and believes the episode has caused reputational damage to the council. He blamed funding cuts for putting more pressure on staff and reducing scrutiny on their work.

He said: "I have raised individual cases with Powys County Council, but at the time due to an ongoing police investigation they could not respond to the matter. It is disappointing because the majority of officers do a professional job."

Head of regeneration and regulatory services Sue Bolter said: "The council took immediate action when an issue was brought to its attention three years ago. It immediately suspended a planning officer and launched a comprehensive inquiry. The officer resigned before the inquiry was completed and the investigation ended."

"The council has no control over the outcome of their investigations and the decision whether or not to prosecute."

"The council's planning service has undergone a fundamental review and restructure and we are completely confident that we have a thoroughly professional service that operates to the highest possible standards on behalf of the council, residents and all services users."

Refurbished memorial celebrates landmark



Derwen College students Sarah Blows and Adam Richards with, back, Richard Hunt, Lesley Benyon, the college's Louise Keevil and Oswestry Mayor Vince Hunt at the unveiling of the newly refurbished memorial stone

THE great nephew and great, great niece of the founder of the Derwen College at Gobowen were on hand to celebrate its 90th birthday and unveil a newly refurbished memorial stone to her.

Staff and students have been celebrating the milestone with a number of special events taking place across the college including a ceremony at the memorial to Dame Agnes Hunt who founded the college, a Race For Agnes and birthday cake for all.

At the special ceremony, the college welcomed Richard Hunt, the great nephew, and Lesley Benyon, the great, great niece of Dame Agnes Hunt who founded the college in 1927. Ms Benyon is also the daughter of

Lloyd Kenyon, who attended the first unveiling of the memorial when he welcomed the Duchess of Kent to the college.

Governors of the college, students, trainees and staff members were also on hand at the ceremony.

Tonia Davies, a spokeswoman for the college, said: "It was a fantastic event, bringing together our history and our future, as standing alongside the direct family links of Dame Agnes were our students currently learning their independence and work-ready skills for their lives beyond college."

"We are immensely proud of our work as a specialist college, a charity and a partner in the local community. Throughout all our

90th birthday activities, student input has been at the forefront with a real interest shown by students about our history."

"The local community has taken part and we have had a huge response to our fundraising appeal to raise £50,000 in 2017."

"We look forward to the future opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for us an outstanding college and charity. We were delighted to welcome the family of Dame Agnes who has left us with such an amazing legacy to take forward."

Further events are planned later on in the year to mark the college's 90th birthday, more information can be found at www.derwenat90.co.uk.

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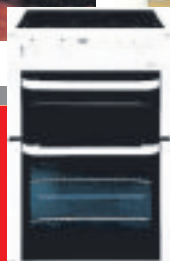
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Pledge of support for leisure centre

SHROPSHIRE Council says it will continue to support Oswestry Leisure Centre but says other centres in Shropshire could face losing funding.

Ten leisure centres face a crisis after plans were revealed to consider cutting funding entirely.

Shropshire Council officials say 'tier two' and 'tier three' centres could lose all their council grant, leaving their future in serious doubt.

Tier three facilities at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre, Idsall Sports Centre in Shifnal, The Severn Centre in Highley, Craven Arms Community Centre, Shrewsbury's Roman Road Sports Centre and Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre would see funding stop by the end of 2018/19.

Tier two centres affected include Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre, Whitchurch's Swimming Centre and Sports Centre and Church Stretton Leisure Centre. They would lose funding by the end of 2022/23.

The proposal comes as part of the authority's indoor leisure facilities strategy for 2018 to 2023, which also includes a recommendation that funding continues for seven of Shropshire's large leisure centres.

The authority says it will continue to provide "ongoing revenue support as required" to Oswestry Leisure Centre. Funding for centres will be "negotiated on an individual basis" after the agreement for support ends.

Baby murder bid accused in court

A WOMAN charged with the attempted murder of her newborn baby daughter has appeared in crown court through video link.

The 31-year-old, from Oswestry, appeared via video link at Stafford Crown Court on Friday last week.

She appeared in relation to an incident in Shrewsbury on April 22 last year.

The defendant cannot be identified for legal reasons.

She was expected to enter a plea at the hearing but the case was adjourned for the preparation of a psychiatric report.

She was remanded in custody. She is due to appear at Stafford Crown Court for a plea and directions hearing on July 27.

The baby was discovered with serious injuries in the Meole Brace area of Shrewsbury.

Councillors cleared of transport wrongdoing

By Jonny Drury

FOUR councillors who were suspended as school governors in a long running row over £500,000 spent on home to school transport have been cleared of wrongdoing by an Ombudsman.

The saga began in early 2015, when the Wales Audit Office found Llanfyllin High School spent money on subsidising transport costs of pupils from outside the catchment, including 149 from Shropshire and 38 from Powys, against council policy.

County Councillors Aled Davies, now deputy leader of Powys County Council, Peter Lewis, Gwynfor Thomas and Darren Mayor, were suspended from their roles, but always claimed they were transparent and that the county council knew what was going on.

Councillor Mayor lost his position on the cabinet having held the portfolio for property and buildings. After appealing against their suspensions, the council's solicitor Clive Pinney made a complaint to the ombudsman regarding a breach of the code of conduct.

Now the Public Ombudsman for Wales has cleared all four councillors of any wrong doing.

Councillor Peter Lewis, along with other councillors, parents and governors battled to clear the councillors' names for over 12 months. He said: "This vindicates myself and my fellow councillors, not just us but the school governors. It wholly restores integrity of Llanfyllin High School which has been so damaged by this controversy.

"Its shows that the previous cabinet decisions were very flawed, made worse by the waste of tax payers money on not one but two investigation."

The report from the Ombudsman stated: "I am satisfied the governors were acting in genuinely held belief that the council either knew what was going on or should have known from the annual budgets and was taking no action."

"I have concluded that there is no evidence to suggest, Councillor Lewis has breached the code."

Mr Mayor, who is no longer a councillor after losing his Llanwddyn seat in the local elections, said the saga cost him his job and added he was pleased the governors had been vindicated.

Huge inflatable building is tested



Designer of the inflatable building, Lee Barnfield from Oswestry, at the testing

IT is larger than an American football pitch and nine stories high.

The world's largest inflatable building, built by adventurer, Per Lindstrand, was being tested in a Shropshire field this week.

Executives from the Goodyear company in the USA have flown to Britain for the first look at the building that will house a Zeppelin airship at their headquarters in California.

Lindstrand Technologies has developed skills learnt in the ballooning world into producing a range of other products, from buildings to stand-up paddleboards.

The inflatable buildings produced range from small shelters for emergency zones and decontamination units to a roof for the Heathrow Airport Central Bus Station.

The new products have come after Per Lindstrand diversified from the hot air balloons that made him famous in record breaking flights with Virgin tycoon Richard Branson.

The new structure will be used as a hangar for Goodyear's American airship base in California.

Staff from Lindstrand Technologies in Oswestry have been test inflating the enormous structure in fields just outside the town.

The hangar has been constructed from 73 miles of polyester at the Lindstrand Technologies factory in Oswestry.

The building is 107 metres long,

32 metres wide and 25 metres high.

The Goodyear building is being test inflated on land at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry.

The tourism attraction has teamed up with Mr Lindstrand for a ballooning festival over the August Bank Holiday.

The festival is one of many events the British Ironwork Centre has arranged for this year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guild members to get together

THE next meeting of Oswestry and District Townswomen Guild will take place this afternoon (Thursday).

It will take place at The Festival Suite in the Memorial Hall in Oswestry from 2pm to 4pm.

Group secretary Val Laundry said: "Our speaker this month is a local lady, Brenda Jones.

"She will be entertaining us with her poetry and talking about how she got interested in writing.

"We look forward to meeting her and our members and enjoy our usual cuppa and biscuits together as friends.

"Come along ladies, find out about the townswomen guild.

"Uou can enjoy trips out, lunches, dinners, concerts, speakers and demonstrators and making new friends.

"For more information contact 07891 084071."

Armed Forces Day set to be marked

FOR the first time in its history Armed Forces Day on Saturday will be celebrated in Welshpool with an exhibition and stalls in the Corn Exchange between 9am and 2pm.

There will be a number of displays of military equipment from the Second World War to the present day, along with Regimental Cap Badges, a First World War exhibition and much more. There will also be stands selling military books and memorabilia, aviation prints plus DVDs, and toy helmets. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The event has been organised jointly between the organisers of Welshpool 1940s Weekend and the Royal British Legion.

Woman admits to drug charge

A WOMAN has admitted possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply.

Laura Howell, of The Cross, Oswestry, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court via video link on Monday last week.

The 30-year-old pleaded guilty to being in possession of diamorphine and crack cocaine with intent to supply on January 17. The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report to be prepared. She is expected to appear at Shrewsbury Crown Court to be sentenced on July 7.

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Emma Pollard, 18

Emma is crowned this year's Miss Shropshire

THE new Miss Shropshire has been crowned in a glittering ceremony. Emma Pollard, 18, a student from Edgerley near Oswestry, was crowned the new Miss Shropshire 2017 in the Miss England Semi-Final at Kelham Hall, Newark.

Emma competed against 63 other women for a place in the Miss England final.

She has now been invited to represent Shropshire at the Miss England Grand Final at Resorts World Birmingham on July 12 to 14, having won a three-night stay at the luxury hotel.

The Miss England semi finalists modelled outfits in a Lady in Red ethical fashion show created by themselves from recycled materials.

In the lead-up to the semi final event, the contestants were set a Beauty with a Purpose fundraising task. The highest fundraiser, and winning a place in the Miss England Final, was Miss Basingstoke Nicola Ascroft who raised almost £5,000 from holding a series of charity events in her and her mum's beauty salon.

On the night, organisers presented some of the funds raised to the Shivam Nathwani Wheelchair Fund to help a 10-year-old boy who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy who needs a new wheelchair.

The girls also competed in an elegant evening wear round and a total of 16 ladies were chosen by the judges for the national final. Emma will be competing against 49 other women who have won regional titles, Miss England heats or have come through the semi-final.

A5 'trench' leads to fears vehicles will be damaged

Report by Jonny Drury

MOTORISTS have been left up in arms over a trench on the A5 that has been dug as part of long-standing road improvements.

Work began to widen the A5 to the north and southbound approaches of the Gledrid roundabout near Oswestry back in January, and are due to run until the end of this month.

The road has been closed overnight and at times has caused chaos and long tailbacks for motorists. Now a large hole in the road that has opened up as motorists head off the roundabout, south towards Oswestry, has been a cause for concern among drivers.

Sam Goddard, a sales representative at Arthurs in Oswestry, said the state of the road was a joke. He said: "It is a bit of a joke really, I've got a 4x4 but I went over the one at Gledrid coming from Chester and I could still hear a massive whack on my car when I went over it."

Care homes in the top 20

TWO Powys care homes have made the top 20 best care homes in Wales.

The carehome.co.uk Top 20 Care Home Awards 2017 highlights the most recommended care homes in each region of the UK, with the whole of Wales classed as a single region. Llwyn Teg Care Home in Llanfyllin and Greenhill Care Home in Crickhowell were the successful homes to be listed. The ratings are based on the number of positive reviews each homes receive, with an average score produced. Both homes received glowing feedback from family and friends who visited each of the care homes.

Councillor Stephen Hayes, portfolio holder for adult services at Powys County Council, said: "We are delighted that two of our care homes have been recognised as being among the top 20 in Wales, confirming our ambition for our care homes to deliver the highest standard of care and support."

"That was in a 4x4 so for other cars it would cause more damage."

"They've spent so much money to try and improve the road around there, and this is a simple part that has been dug across the road that just needs filling in, it's disgusting really."

Another motorist, Craig Southern, also from Oswestry, said his new car was almost damaged despite approaching the trench at 30mph, and said a feeble attempt has been made to repair the damage to the road.

Craig added: "It is terrible, it is deep enough to cause damage to springs, wheels and tyres."

"It looks like they have measured the width of a lorry not a regular car. My new car made a hell of a racket going over it and I was only doing 30mph, it is ridiculous."

A spokesperson for Highways England thanked the public for flagging up the issue and ensured repairs will be made.

He said: "Safety is our top priority and our contractors will look into the matter and ensure any repairs are carried out where necessary."

Farmers need 'best Brexit deal'



Oswestry farmer Malcolm Roberts says a good Brexit deal is vital for agriculture

A LEADING farmer and NFU office holder has said it is vital the drive continues to get the best deal for the agricultural industry from Brexit, now the General Election has been concluded.

Livestock and arable farmer Malcolm Roberts, who farms at Oswestry, made his comments as NFU West Midlands regional board chairman after all MPs were returned to regional seats.

He said the NFU remained committed to working with the new Government and other parties to ensure the value and importance of British food and farming was understood and with Brexit on the horizon it had never been more important.

Mr Roberts said: "For regional farmers

and the NFU it's very much business as normal, we will continue to lobby to benefit farm business large and small.

"The political landscape hasn't changed too much but it's vital that all our politicians recognise the importance of farming to the rural landscape and economy."

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Controversial traveller site plan given the go-ahead

Report by Naomi Penrose

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a travellers' site have been approved at appeal stage by a planning inspector.

The planning application was originally lodged by Mary Berry in 2015, to use the land adjacent to the bungalow on Old Black Park Road next to the Halton roundabout at Chirk to provide seven traveller pitches.

The application had been refused by Wrexham County Borough Council on the grounds of vehicular access, highway safety and visibility.

But the applicant appealed the decision and planning inspector Melissa Hall has allowed the appeal, granting permission for the travellers' site, despite being met with strong opposition from residents and councillors.

Huge jump in car park rates level

OSWESTRY Town Council is facing a huge jump in the rates it may have to pay on its main car park.

The rateable value of Central Car Park has almost doubled and has seen the town council landed with a rates bill of £27,000 more than last year.

Specialist advisors have been brought in by the council to look at appealing the decision. The government's valuation office recently re-valued rates.

Valuation Office Agency staff adjust the rateable value of business properties to reflect changes in the property market.

Central Car Park is the largest in Oswestry, one of three owned and managed by Oswestry Town Council.

In a report to the finance committee of the council finance officer, Roger Dyke, says there has been a 46 per cent national non-domestic rates increase for Central Car Park.

"The rateable value was £118,000 in 2016/17 with a rate demand of £58,646," Mr Dyke says.

"This has increased to £206,000 rateable value and a £85,339 demand."

Mr Dyke said that the large increase may have been triggered by a request for information made by the Valuation Office Agency in June 2015 which was completed and returned.

Parking fees charged by the council to motorists provide income for the council's budget.

Joseph seals a dream gig



Joseph Elwy Jones, 11, who has won the coveted role of the Shepherd Boy in Tosca A YOUNG singer who overcame a rare kidney condition has landed a dream role to perform with opera superstar Sir Bryn Terfel.

Joseph Elwy Jones, 11, will take to the stage at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod as the Shepherd Boy in a star-studded production of Puccini's classic opera Tosca.

The concert on July 4, sponsored by arts-loving care organisation Pendine Park, also features two other world-class opera stars, soprano Kristine Opolais and tenor Kristian Benedikt.

It will be one of the highlights of the week when the iconic festival will be celebrating its 70th anniversary. Joseph won the role after a tough audition against the cream of young Welsh singers - thanks to extra lessons from the headteacher at his school, Ysgol Gwennfrwd, in Holywell. He was diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome in 2013 but it cleared up after treatment. Joseph was thrilled when he heard he had been chosen. He said: "I was amazed and I can't wait to meet Sir Bryn Terfel."

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I ONCE vowed never to log on to Facebook or Twitter – after all who cares what my neighbour had for breakfast – but now, like the biggest part of the UK’s population, I’m a social media addict.

Used properly social media is an incredible tool and its amazing worldwide growth will be chronicled in the annals of history as one of the biggest social developments of modern times. But as with most inventions there’s a catch – and the catch this time could eventually have catastrophic effects.

There have been striking and worrying incidents recently where the internet has been used to promote terrorism. Recent local and national elections have been influenced on-line. Now the arrival of uncensored “fake news” appears to be the biggest threat to the future of social media sites.

Fake news is nothing new. Warring countries have often relied on false propaganda and we have long been exposed to satirical reporting and tabloid news. But now, with the dependence on the internet and the ability to promote false stories, different ways have been found to relay information – whether true or false.

Damaging

The problem for the reader is how to distinguish the lies from the truth because a lot of the fake news is well presented and at first glance credible. It’s only if you dig deeper or do additional research that the credibility becomes questionable.

There were unforgiveable examples in our local elections last month of political party supporters publishing false and highly damaging “stories” about rival politicians and there is also evidence that governments around the world are guilty of spreading false news too.

It doesn’t really matter how far the story spreads or how much the content is believed, fake news stories present a highly significant risk to people, industries and governments. And it is governments across the globe that must act to introduce strict controls on the internet – no matter how big the task.

I have received an invitation to a Montgomery Canal Forum to be held at Oswestry Golf Club and will be doing my best to be there and would encourage anyone else interested in the development of the canal infrastructure to be there too. The canal is a magnificent asset for us here on the Shropshire/Powys border and everything possible must be done to push through the plans to open up the waterway to Welshpool. The tourism benefits would be enormous.



Liverpool John Lennon Airport could provide the blueprint for similar enterprise in Shropshire



Cosford’s runway would have to be extended to enable commercial plans to use it



RAF Shawbury, near Shrewsbury, is among the sites that could come into contention

Where could we put an airport in Shropshire?

MAT GROWCOTT wonders whether a new airport for Shropshire could ever be a viable proposition

NO sooner had he taken over at Shropshire Council than its new leader was already reaching for the skies. . .

A new airport of its own could offer “clear benefits” to Shropshire, according to the council’s new boss Peter Nutting.

He said, after taking the helm from Al-brighton councillor Malcolm Pate, that plans should be put together for something similar to John Lennon Airport in Liverpool.

He said: “I have no set ideas on how big or small it should be or where it should be but I think it is worthy of putting money into.

“Shropshire is looking for transport links with the world and I think the potential is there to investigate whether it would work in our county.”

But is this an example of blue sky thinking, or mere pie in the sky? The county surely has enough problems keeping its roads surfaced and its rail lines maintained without worrying about the expense and disruption of an airport?

And anyway don’t we already have airports not too far away at Birmingham or, for those in the north of the county, Manchester?

That may be so, but that still leaves a whole swathe of mid-western England, not to mention much of Wales, which is not served by an airport of any great size.

Councillor Nutting says: “The thinking is if you go from Liverpool south to Bristol and then from the east of Birmingham to the Welsh coast, there is no commercial airport and that is a large chunk of countryside.”



Could commercial planes ever taxi at Cosford like this Jaguar GR3?

So given that we would be looking to build an airport in Shropshire, where would we put it?

The obvious location would be a site where there is already an airstrip of some sort, preferably with decent surrounding infrastructure.

Sleap? Tern Hill? Both are in out-of-the-way locations miles away from the existing motorway network – not to mention the lack of rail links. Shawbury is closer to the main population centres of Shropshire but not by much. Again, it would cost a fortune just to build a decent road there.

But there is one location that could readily be converted into an airport and its name is already synonymous with aviation.

Cosford houses an RAF base and training centre, has plenty of room for airport buildings and offers both a rail

station and a handy location just off the M54. Apart from its proximity to Telford and Shrewsbury, the site would be attractive to potential users from Wolverhampton and the Black Country, Stafford, and north Worcestershire.

It would surely be by far the best location for a proposed airport in Shropshire, should any such project ever get off the ground.

Apart from the usual financial and environmental concerns that accompany any airport building programme there are two further issues with Cosford.

The first is that the Ministry of Defence has historically resisted the use of military airspace by commercial aircraft. Now however, change is in the air, according to National Air Traffic Services (NATS), and there are several issues driving closer co-operation be-

tween civil and military air navigation service providers. NATS says these issues include benefits on environmental, financial and security grounds.

The second issue for Cosford is the length of its runway, which, at 1,186m, would probably have to be near doubled to enable commercial aviation.

RAF Cosford itself says any decision would ultimately have to be made by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, the group in charge of commissioning and maintaining defence buildings.

A new airport would have the potential to create thousands of jobs, both directly and indirectly, and regional hub of airlines and businesses.

The idea has been backed by Shropshire’s Chamber of Commerce and, more recently by Bridgnorth’s Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen Robbins, chairman of Bridgnorth Chamber of Commerce, said: “The benefits to commerce and industry are clear, and Cosford being so close to the motorway network would seem a good possibility for the future.

“It would certainly benefit Bridgnorth to be within 30 minutes of an airport of a similar size to John Lennon in Liverpool. It could also benefit tourism in the area.”

It could also help to take some of the pressure away from Birmingham Airport, which last month saw more than one million visitors through its doors – a fifth more than the previous year.

It has expansion plans for a second runway to further boost its capacity.

To be honest we are probably a long way away from Cosford being in a position to take pressure off Birmingham.

Any plans for commercial aviation at Cosford are sure to spark massive opposition on noise and environmental grounds. And, in these turbulent times, there’s another more compelling reason too. With the NHS creaking at the seams, local authorities having their budgets slashed and Brexit on the horizon, just who is going to pay for it all?

WORKING FOR YOU



By Glyn Davies MP

IT has been a time of great turbulence in the political world since my last Chronicle column.

I’ve contested a general election in Montgomeryshire, where I was re-elected with a majority way beyond our wildest imagination. Throughout most of my life Montgomeryshire has been a safe Liberal Democrat seat, represented by great parliamentarians including Clement Davies, Emlyn Hooson and Alex Carille. I’ve long had an interest in politics but never dreamed I could join these great names, representing the constituency where I was born, have always lived and always will live. It’s a great honour and privilege to have been elected at three general elections, and with a greater majority than has been held by anyone before. I will do my utmost to repay this support from the voters of Montgomeryshire.

On the day I returned to Westminster after the General Election, there was a terrible fire in the Grenfell tower block in North West London. I drive past this area most Mondays, on my way into Westminster. Parliament was already under a cloud of uncertainty following an inconclusive election result and sadness following terrorist outrages. This tragedy, where so many lost their lives, has left all MPs in a very sombre mood. We don’t know what caused this fire, or why it spread through the tower block so quickly. We need answers to these questions as soon as possible. We must do everything possible to prevent such a tragedy happening again.

And as I write, negotiations are beginning about the terms on which the United Kingdom will leave the European Union. For many this is a great day, as we begin to recover our sovereignty as an independent nation, while for others it’s the beginning of a retreat into a more inward looking world. While I personally am very optimistic about the future of the United Kingdom, and see this week as the beginning of an exciting journey into a post-Brexit future looking outwards to the world, I can understand why some feel uncertain. Where I see freedom, independence, self-determination and stronger global relationships, others have doubts. Of course there will be challenges, both in the negotiations themselves, and in developing global trade deals. But a majority of the voters in the United Kingdom, in Wales, and in Montgomeryshire voted in favour of ‘Leave’. This week, the Government begins the process of delivering on the people’s decision.

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CAN I STOP MY DRUGS-CONVICTED EX FROM SEEING OUR SON?

Q: My ex-partner has been convicted for possession of cocaine. As much as I thought he deserved to be sent to prison, he was only given a fine. With him on the loose I am really worried about our 6 year old son as my ex is a bad influence on him. Is there any way I can stop him having contact with my son now that he has been charged with a criminal offence?

A: A. Whilst it would be extremely difficult to stop contact between your ex and your son altogether (he is his father after all), you can certainly try to limit it. You may wish to consider making an application to the Court to formalise contact arrangements between you and your ex-partner. You could request that the Court reduces contact or that contact with his father is always supervised by somebody else.

Whilst your ex’s conviction may seem like a good reason to limit or supervise contact, the Court will need to consider evidence from both sides on your proposals and ultimately make the decision on how contact should take place in the future. The Court may also order that drug testing is carried out.

Before applying to the Courts, you are under an obligation to undergo mediation. Mediation can be a useful process which gives parties the opportunities to voice their concerns and try to reach an agreement in relation to contact before it gets to Court. It can often be the case that mediation fails and no agreement is reached, as sometimes there is just too much “bad blood” in the relationship. If mediation fails, you would then be able to bring the matter before the Courts. It would be advisable for you to instruct an experienced solicitor who can help you through the process and fight for the result that you want.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Peters, a Partner with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon - 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.

Letters

Orthopaedic's idea for new clinic should be supported

ALTHOUGH I live in Wirral, I feel that following an appointment to be assessed by Lt Col Meyer at the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, I must compliment the trust for what turned out to be a most enlightening, friendly, calm and pleasant experience.

For those who are not aware, Lt Col Meyer is a military surgeon attached to the hospital and he specialises in hips and knee surgery operating on civilians also when necessary. I chose this hospital mainly not just for its renown in cleanliness and professionalism, also because it has a military veterans' clinic, therefore I knew that my treatment would be more of a 'we have your interest at heart' attitude.

For those who have never served in the military it must be hard to appreciate the companionship and 'part of the family' feeling that one gains but also loses to an extent after leaving the forces no matter how long ago.

My day at the hospital was pleasantly enhanced when I learnt that the trust are considering opening a section of the building for veterans bearing in mind some of the terrible injuries these lads and lasses have sustained during their service.

So, all was well with my visit until I read in the Shropshire Star a letter from a correspondent who obviously has had no dealings with military discipline in his/her life and they were speaking without first doing their homework.

Their moan was that if the veterans' clinic is built why should the NHS have to pay for it? They appear to be totally unaware of the assistance that the forces medical services give to the NHS including the number of surgeons attached to hospitals around the country, the military hospitals who also take in NHS patients, the skills of medical staff working in combat zones and how they have transferred their experience to the NHS experiences which can only be learnt from 'hands-on' work.

HARRY COPNALL
Moreton, Wirral

EU was despicable for our country

AN opinion of the European Union...

Government of the United Kingdom will now be by us, elected by us and not by the unelected EU.

The EU will never succeed while there is not a level playing field of both benefits and a national health service in each country.

Read the news - the United Kingdom is booming, exports up, unemployment down confidence high, what more do we need? Forget terms like 'hard Brexit', the EU need us more than we need them and the single market is the whole world.

As for treaties, we must hope that never again will our politicians be put in such a position, at that time we were bereft of MPs of all parties who could read and understand them.

It is the most despicable thing that has happened to the United Kingdom.

PETER HARMAN
Tibberton

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I have abandoned the Conservatives

THE Conservatives have abandoned entrepreneurs who are the real job creators in the UK. So I have abandoned them.

My business in Shrewsbury town centre employs 28 people and has just been hammered with an 87 per cent increase in its business rates.

We are not alone as many other small independent businesses are facing prohibitive business rates to subsidise big businesses and chains.

I trusted this Conservative Government with my business as did many other entrepreneurs.

However, this Government is making the

costs and complexity of doing business ever more burdensome.

Many small businesses have been hit with this obscene business rate increase whilst large businesses have benefited from cuts.

In Shrewsbury Marks & Spencer's rateable value has more than halved whilst many independent small businesses in the town centre have doubled. This will lead to multiple failures and a loss of independent traders.

Just look at the amount of estate agency signs that are popping up in Shrewsbury.

It's clear that the Conservatives wish to

serve big business at the expense of small businesses.

Why?

Surely the BHS pension debacle and Amazon and Starbucks, et al, tax concerns demonstrate that big business is not healthy for society.

Chains syphon money out of the local economy.

If the Conservatives have done this to small businesses can we trust them to manage the Brexit negotiations?

I have my doubts.

MIKE AVERY
Minsterley

Postcard of Black Pool dating from 1904



Handwritten on the front of this postcard of "Black Pool, Welshpool" is the date October 1, 1904. The postcard was franked on that day at Reading. The message was: "Dear L, Thanks for letter. Can wait till Nov as suits you. Glad you got a nice case. Will do half quoted as you suggested. Cannot think of anything just at present for (? - writing unreadable) Went to Hatson Sun. She is about indoors. C.M. behaved admirably even condescended to allow me to nurse her and never screamed at all. Love from S." It was posted to Miss Bagell, of 75 High Street, Bedford. Picture courtesy of Sally Anne Richards.

Young people are needed to serve on local councils

IT does seem we have elections every five minutes of late.

However this is a cross we must bear if we wish to live in a democracy. We also have had in some areas parish and local elections to contend with. The parish councils in all honesty just seems to be a local club where parish councillors meet a few times a year for tea and biscuits, make the odd unimportant decision indulge in a bit of self serving and then give an opinion on something they have little authority to do anything about. We then have the wonderful choice of choosing a Shropshire councillor. Alas, again for many it is a choice of the usual suspects who seem to have held these positions for decades.

We need younger people on our councils from all corners of our society as currently it seems important local decisions are being decided by folks in God's waiting room who struggle to accept perhaps it's time they stood down, took it easy and joined the local whist drive group.

ANDREW FINCH
Wattlesborough

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Orwell's 1984 becomes real

THE harsh oppressive police state, predicted by George Orwell in his book 1984, is fast becoming reality.

More penalties are being imposed for petty things like speeding.

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We are now the helpless victim of 'big brother'.

Or rather 'big sister'!

W F KERSWELL
Picklescott

We should tell the European Union to get lost

THE EU demands that Britain pays an exit fee of £50 billion plus - tell them to get lost. Dick Turpin was in the same line of business he, however, had the decency to wear a mask.

Brussels bosses tell us we are not entitled to a 'free lunch' ignoring the fact that we have provided a 'free lunch' for 18 of the 28 member countries every day for the last 43 years.

The European Union was born with a lie in its mouth. It is deceitful, undemocratic, unelected and incompetent, its goal a European superstate with a centralised power base. Jean Monnet, known as the founding father of the EU, declared "Europe's nations should be guided towards the superstate without the people understanding what is happening, this can be accomplished by successive steps, each designed to have an economic purpose".

It worked didn't it? Devious and deceitful from day one, the EU has changed its name five times.

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Still no charges following blaze

POLICE say they have still not charged anyone in connection with a large fire that engulfed a Mid Wales business last month.

Fire broke out shortly before midnight on May 25 and caused large-scale destruction to Canalside Carpets in Welshpool.

Carpets about to be delivered to customers went up in smoke during the warehouse blaze but despite the problems the blaze caused, staff rushed to make alternative arrangements in order to ensure deliveries could still be made.

Two vehicles as well as machinery and materials were destroyed in the blaze.

Nobody was injured in the fire. Dyfed-Powys Police arrested a 48-year-old local man within 24 hours of the incident on suspicion of arson but he was released on bail.

The force said the man is still on police bail and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with any information should call 101.

Traffic held up as lorry breaks down

A BROKEN down lorry carrying logs caused a large build-up of traffic on a main road.

The HGV carrying logs was forced to brake suddenly with the load of logs shifting forward, preventing the driver from going any further, according to PC David Wagg of Oswestry Police.

Police were called to the incident on the stretch of the A483 between Llyncllys and Pant, near Oswestry shortly after 7.30am on Wednesday last week.

A large build-up of traffic was caused as another HGV was sent by the company involved to offload the logs. Police carried out traffic management, and PC Wagg added: "Police attended to carry out traffic control and thank motorists for their patience."

Police body cameras help bring prosecution

Report by Jonny Drury

FOOTAGE from a police body camera issued to an officer in Welshpool has been used to secure a prosecution in the town's magistrates court for the first time.

The first case involving footage from a body cam worn by a police officer took place in Welshpool on Tuesday last week when a defendant was sentenced for a public order offence.

It is the first time the footage has been used in a case involving Welshpool officers since the roll-out of the cameras in March, which saw around 800 officers and PCSOs issued with the devices in Dyfed Powys.

The original plan was for the footage to be used as visual and audio evidence in court, meaning offenders were more likely to plead guilty and brought to justice faster.

That is exactly what happened last week as a defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced for the offence.

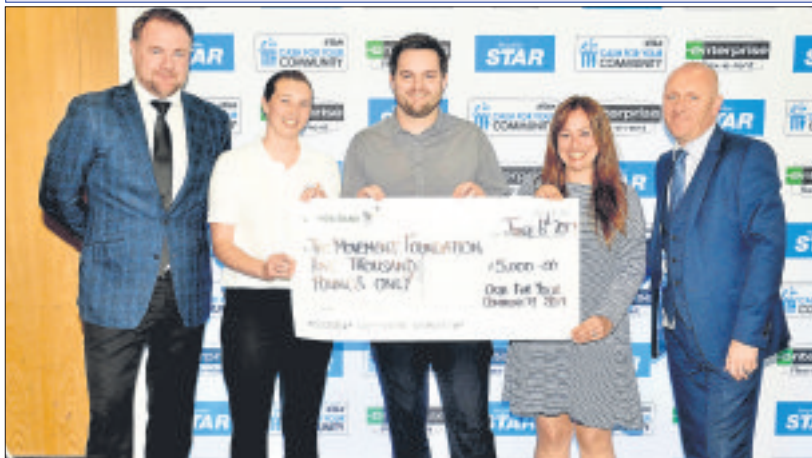
John Christopher Gallagher, 24, received a 12-month conditional discharge and a £120 fine after pleading guilty to a public order offence.

Following the outcome of the case, Welshpool Police tweeted: "First case in court this week at #Welshpool involving #bodycam footage. Positive result - guilty plea for public order #conclusiveevidence."

Chief Constable Mark Collins said: "When we launched the cameras we said that they will give the public more reassurances, and help officers gather valuable evidence. That has been seen with this case and I expect to see more and more use of the body worn cameras."

It comes just weeks after Welshpool Town Council also issued four cameras to members of staff to crack down on issues in the town.

Movement Centre's £5,000 delight



Danny Glynn of Enterprise Flex-E-Rent, left, and Dean Barber, circulation director of the Shropshire Star, right, with Sarah Bew, Curtis Langley and Victoria Handbury-Madin of the Movement Centre

THE Movement Centre at Gobowen near Oswestry is quids in thanks to a community funding scheme.

The centre was awarded £5,000 in a competition organised by the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star.

The centre does vital therapy work with children who have difficulties with movement. It was the first time

that the foundation took part in the scheme, and head of fundraising Victoria Handbury-Maden was almost lost for words after being presented with the £5,000 cheque.

"We didn't think we would get this much, we weren't expecting it," she said. "It will help fund therapy and equipment, it will make a massive difference."

Therapy and fundraising assistant Curtis Langley said the charity uses an innovative treatment called Targeted Training, and for the children who come to the centre, this can be life changing.

He said: "We require specialist equipment to support our unique therapy and to help enable disabled children to gain functional skills."

Traders are worried over major road closure threat

THE possible closure of a town centre road for two months to allow for major works to be carried out could have a "detrimental effect on already fragile businesses", it has been warned.

It was revealed last month that English Walls and the adjoining Smithfield Street in Oswestry could be shut for up to two months to allow for roadworks to be carried out - possibly seeing the road completely rebuilt - after engineers discovered it is in an "alarming" condition.

But councillors have warned the works could have a damaging impact on the town's independent traders.

Councillor Chris Schofield, who chairs the Oswestry Townscape and Transport Forum, said: "Obviously the works need carrying out, especially in the interests of safety. But we want minimal disruption. Two months is a long time for one of the main arteries into the town centre to be closed and we don't want to negatively impact on businesses already in a fragile position."

Councillor Mike Coppock, who owns town centre business Rowanthorn, said he believed when the work is carried out is one of the biggest concerns for traders. He said: "Speaking as a trader myself I know that if the works were carried out during the summer months or the months leading up to Christmas, that would have the most detrimental effect on traders."

"I think the works being carried out during the autumn would be preferable for businesses."

Last month Shropshire Council's engineering consultants, Mouchel, said they were looking at how to address the failing carriageway. Ben Corfield, senior engineer, said: "Structurally the carriageway is in an alarming condition."

A further meeting between councillors and Mouchel is due to take place in the coming weeks.

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Old school in village could soon become a new home

ONE of the first 'national schools' to be started in north Powys in the 19th century has been placed for sale by the Church in Wales and could be converted into a home.

The Old School at Meifod, near Welshpool, was built in the grounds of St Tysilio and St Mary Church in 1821 and was one of the first schools to be founded in the area as part of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education.

It was closed many years ago when a new school was built elsewhere in the village and is being sold with an opportunity for it to be converted into a home or for suitable development, subject to planning.

It is being marketed by Mid Wales and Shropshire estate agents, Morris Marshall and Poole, at £90,000. Rob Hudson, a partner at MMP, said: "The property has direct access to the main road, shared with the church access."

"We understand planning consent was granted in 2003 from B1, which was light industrial, to a church meeting hall, parish office and resource centre, but this was not implemented. We believe it would be more suited for residential use, subject to planning consent."

The building is not listed, but falls within the area of the Grade I St Tysilio and St Mary Church, and so some listed building consent could affect the building.

It is believed the churchyard itself is one of the largest in the country.

Covenants on the building include not making a complaint or "bring any action about any noise or disturbance caused by the ringing of any bell or bells" in the neighbouring church.

More details can be obtained from (01938) 554818.

Something fishy about attempts to pinch dogs

Report by Jonny Drury

A COUNCILLOR is hoping that rumours of attempted dog thefts do not turn into a real-life 101 Dalmatians scenario.

Shropshire Council's deputy leader Steve Charmley took to social media to warn people about door-to-door fish salesman who were reportedly going around in the Whittington area, and in other villages near Oswestry.

The councillor for the village said he had been made aware of the salesmen reportedly attempting to snatch pet dogs.

Police have been made aware of the incidents, with Councillor Steve Charmley hoping it can be dealt with after attempted thefts in other North Shropshire villages.

West Mercia Police confirmed reports were made to police of a suspicious door-to-door salesman in Chirk Road, Gobowen, Station Road in Whittington, with another report in Kinnerley.

Speculation on social media said police had stopped and searched a van in Station Road. However, police said no dog thefts had been reported.

Councillor Charmley said: "It seems quite strange, almost kind of a joke, really, with people selling fish. I was made aware of it by my wife and I know the local PCSO is now looking into it."

"You do see strange goings on with things like this nationally, but you never expect it to happen in a rural Shropshire village."

"I want to make people aware of these things going on, because we don't want a real life 101 Dalmatians situation."

Figures released recently show that five dogs are stolen every day in the UK, and over 1,700 reports of dog thefts were made last year, up 19 per cent since 2014.

Firm's investment welcomed by mayor



Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Vince Hunt opens the refurbished Kwik Fit centre in the town

A UK-wide company has invested in its Oswestry centre, saying it recognises the strength and potential of the area.

Kwik Fit has reopened its branch in the town following full refurbishment from the garage floor up and revealed it was looking for apprentices.

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Vince Hunt, met the team and officially declared the centre open to the public.

Councillor Hunt said that he learnt that the Oswestry centre was chosen for this investment from Kwik Fit's UK network of more than 600 centres because of the commitment the staff have made in serving the local community.

"I was told it is also a sign of the company's confidence in both the existing strength and potential demand in the area," he said.

As a result of the investment, the centre now has specialist laser wheel alignment equipment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Funds available for theatre groups

THEATRE and performing arts groups in Mid Wales are being encouraged to apply for funds to support their activities for young people.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available from Powys County Council's Arts Service to support local youth theatre and performing arts groups in providing creative opportunities for young people to experience theatre making in both Welsh and English.

Councillor Rachel Powell, cabinet member for culture, said: "The Powys Youth Theatre Development Scheme is designed to encourage and support high quality performing arts activities involving young people of all abilities in all aspects of live theatre production."

"Funding is available to support organisations in providing professional standard youth theatre opportunities for young people throughout the county. We know there are many arts organisations who deliver inspiring, accessible, inclusive and high quality activities and we want to help support them with additional resources."

People are asked to telephone (01597) 827550 or email lucy.bevan@powys.gov.uk for details about the scheme.

Number plate is stolen off caravan

A NUMBER plate was stolen from a caravan at a service station near Oswestry, police have said.

The theft happened sometime between 6.30am and 10.30am on May 29 at the service station at Gledrid, Weston Rhyn near Oswestry.

Police say the number plate was unscrewed and taken off the caravan. It was reported on June 9.

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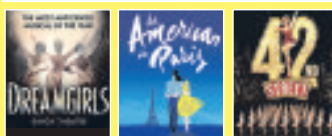
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Event organisers say thank-you

ORGANISERS of Welshpool 1940s Weekend have given their thanks to people in the town who have come forward to support the event.

Organiser Alan Crowe offered his sincere thanks to Liz Hardman and to the Rotary Club of Welshpool for their recent donations towards this year's event.

He said: "Liz raised money at a coffee morning that she organised while the rotary club made a donation from their community fund. It is extremely gratifying to receive donations from community groups and individuals and it shows that the 1940s weekend is truly a community event."

Mr Crowe said he was willing to attend groups or businesses to explain how they may get involved with the weekend which takes place from September 29 to October 1.

Call 07782 166342 for more details.

Food waste liners are on their way

HOUSEHOLDERS in Powys who have requested food waste liners will have them delivered this week, the county council has confirmed.

Powys County Council has experienced an issue with its stock of food waste liners, which has meant that householders in some areas have not received replacement rolls.

A new stock of food waste liners has now arrived and the council will be delivering them to householders who have requested them.

To ensure that that stock levels are maintained, bags will only be available from the crews through the yellow tag system and will no longer be available for collection from libraries or customer service points.

For more information people can call 01597 827465 or 0845 6027035.

'Pear-shaped' designs up for prestigious prize

Report by Jonny Drury

IT'S all gone pear-shaped for a well-known staircase company – but in the best possible way.

Clare Harper, creative artist at Pear Stairs, is in line for a prestigious national award after her pear-themed designs made the shortlist for the Print, Design and Marketing Awards 2017.

Based in Welshpool but operating right across the UK, Pear Stairs is part of Boys & Boden Ltd, which runs builders' merchant branches in Welshpool, Shrewsbury, Chester, Newtown, and Llandrindod Wells.

Clare, who lives in Oswestry, has been nominated in the wide and super-wide format category for her transformation of the company's delivery vehicles. The winners will be announced at a ceremony to be held in London on Thursday.

When Pear Stairs acquired its own fleet, Clare was handed an open brief to produce a livery. She came up with a range of surreal designs that give a massive pear-shaped twist to a host of iconic paintings.

The theme was initially inspired by MC Escher's engraving Relativity with its never-ending impossible staircase. Vermeer's The Girl with the Pearl Earring, Rene Magritte's Son of Man and Damien Hirst's A Pear Divided are just a few examples of the works given the Pear Stairs twist, along with Salvador Dali's famous melting clocks – or rather, pears – and even Munch's The Scream.

The designs were printed at eye-popping proportions on to vinyl lorry curtains by specialist manufacturer Structure-flex Ltd, which is also nominated for the award.



Clare Harper in front of a delivery vehicle sporting one of her unique 'pear-shaped' designs

Further fall in jobless is welcomed

UNEMPLOYMENT in Montgomeryshire is continuing to fall according to new figures.

In May there were just 365 claimants of job seekers allowance in the country, just 1.2 per cent of the active population aged between 16 and 64.

That figure is well below the average claimant rate of 2.6 per cent, and is down from 375 in April, and 75 lower than in May 2016.

MP Glyn Davies is particularly pleased to see the number of younger people claiming has fallen significantly. Mr Davies said: "Unemployment in Montgomeryshire has been reduced to incredibly low levels – far lower than I ever thought possible when I was first elected as an MP seven years ago. It is also very pleasing that Montgomeryshire remains the constituency with the lowest rate of unemployment in Wales. I am particularly pleased to see the number of 18-24 year olds fall significantly."

"Since I left Llanfair Caereinion High School, the vibrancy, economic opportunity based on near full employment and thriving businesses in Montgomeryshire has been utterly transformed."

Burst pipe causes shortage of water

HOUSEHOLDERS in Welshpool were left high and dry following a burst water pipe which caused some homes to be without water.

The burst pipe was located near to the Lower Garth Meadows area of Welshpool on Wednesday last week.

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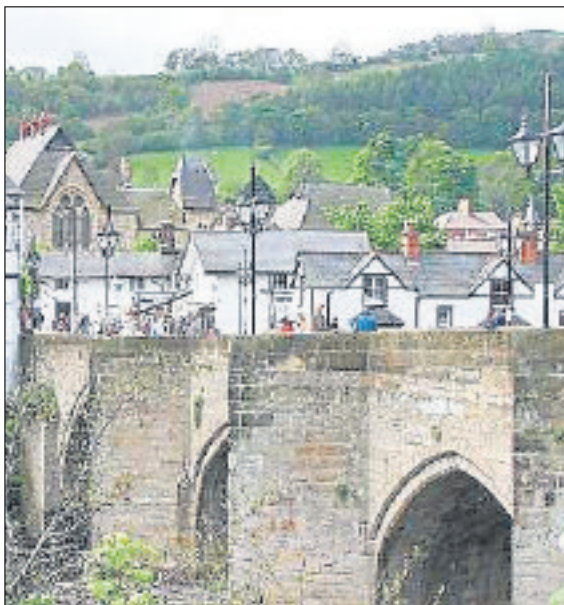
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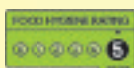


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According to her, the most important part of developing a child's abilities is to be a mum first and foremost.

Despite the public's perception of Judy being a pushy mum, she has always been a mum first and a coach second, she said.

She appeared at The Marches School in Oswestry on the first leg of a whistle stop publicity tour for her book.

The visit was organised by the team at Oswestry's award-winning Booka Bookshop.

To a packed theatre of more than 200 members of the public, who ranged from bright eyed keen young players to grandmothers in wheelchairs, she told how she had gone from being a keen amateur to the mum of two great players.

The memoir, which commanded a six figure deal, tells of how she battled to bring her two sons, defending Wimbledon champion Andy and triple Grand Slam doubles winner and a Davis Cup champion Jamie from the soggy courts of Dunblane in Scotland to the international stage, via desperate finances and growing pains.

The 57-year-old's inspirational story tells of the impact she has had on British tennis.

From coaching multiple players at regional and national level under the auspices of the British tennis governing body, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to being elected to lead the British Fed cup team.

In the packed hall she explained how she had decided to start a tennis club for children as a way of keeping her two boisterous sons entertained.



Judy Murray was in Oswestry to talk about her new book and her famous tennis-playing family

Calling fellow parents, she built up a formidable team, one which went on over the years to take titles and accolades around the world.

She also told the rapt audience how she beat sexism and went on to study for the top coaching courses in the country – which set her family on its path to fame.

As a youngster Judy was a brilliant player, she won 64 junior and senior titles and also briefly flirted with the professional circuit but despite being quick around the court and reading the game well, she did not have the

power on her shots to make it as a pro. But it was as a coach to Jamie and Andy, who, at the end of 30 is still as messy as he was as a child, that she found her calling.

Despite Jamie being the eldest by 15 months, Andy was determined to beat him at everything – a trait that survives to this day.

Just a day after taking the Wimbledon title in 2013, he carried on his winning streak by thrashing Jamie at table tennis.

She revealed how the defending Wimbledon champion has had a tricky

year, having contracted shingles and being affected by an elbow injury.

But her pride at her sons' achievements was evident and she became even more animated when she spoke of their successes both personally and professionally.

Judy also told of her time on the hit TV show *Strictly Coming Dancing* and how she had taken the advice of her sons as to whether to appear on the programme.

Jamie said she would love it and Andy told her she would be terrible. She was, she admitted, both.

Call made for entries to big art contest

OSWESTRY'S Qube Gallery is calling for artist submissions to its most popular annual event, the Qube Open Art Competition.

This increasingly popular event attracts artists from across the country, with entries reflecting a set theme.

Artists are encouraged to submit work in any medium from, acrylic, textiles, bronze and collage to digital media and photography.

This year's theme for the competition is New Horizons and it is already proving a popular title.

Qube arts officer Charlotte Jackson said: "People seem to really like the Qube Arts Open, probably because it's so inclusive."

"Anyone can apply and because it's judged by an independent panel, potentially anyone can win."

The winner of the competition stands to win a substantial cash prize of £500, with a runner-up People's Choice prize of exclusive gallery hire for a month in 2018.

An exhibition of shortlisted entries will be held at Qube from August 10 to October 2 and the winner of the Best in Show prize will be announced at a prize-giving evening at the beginning of the exhibition.

Qube chief officer Laurel Roberts said: "This evening always draws a big crowd and is a great opportunity for artists to meet and network with others."

"The standard of work is always very high."

"It's amazing to see how many talented artists there are locally and nationally."

The final day for entries is on Friday next week.

Further details about the competition and entry forms are available from Qube reception.

They are also available on the website at www.qube-oca.org.uk or by emailing art@qube-oca.org.uk.

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Tributes paid to 'thoughtful' son

THE family of a motorcyclist who was killed in a crash have paid tribute to a "kind and thoughtful" son and brother.

Danny Hughes, 24, from Llanfyllin, was travelling on the A483 at Sweeney, near Oswestry, on June 4 at about 2.15pm when his motorcycle came into collision with a black Hyundai Tucson.

In a moving tribute to Mr Hughes, his family said he "was always smiling, and full of fun".

They said: "We are truly heartbroken at the tragic and cruel loss of our beautiful son and brother Danny. A young man with so much to live for, always smiling, and so full of fun."

"Whatever he did, he did to the absolute best of his ability, and in the words of one of his many friends, he was the best at whatever he did."

"He was kind and thoughtful, but never sought praise or reward. He was a very special young man, who touched so many hearts."

Mr Hughes leaves behind parents Ian and Lyn, brother Kelvin and grandparents Bernard and Edith. A spokesman for West Mercia Police say his family have asked that their privacy is respected at this difficult time as they come to terms with their loss.

Mr Hughes's funeral will be held today (Thursday) at 12.30pm at St Myllin's Church in Llanfyllin, followed by cremation at Emstrey Crematorium in Shrewsbury at 2.45pm.

His family have requested that those who come along wear whatever they feel comfortable in, and for family flowers only, with donations for the Lingen Davies Appeal and West Wales Pounds Dog Rescue. Mr Hughes's inquest was opened at Shirehall, Shrewsbury, and adjourned until October 17.



Tributes have been paid to Danny Hughes, 24, from Llanfyllin

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WHILE most beverages fall in and out of fashion, a nice cup of tea has been a mainstay for the British for generations.

Sharing a cup of tea with a friend or two has never been as popular with hotels, restaurants and pubs in the Oswestry and Welshpool area offering a variety of teas.

The health benefits of tea have been known for many years. And according to a recent study, drinking three or more cups of tea a day is as good for you as drinking plenty of water and may even have extra health benefits.

The work in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition dispels the common belief that tea dehydrates.

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Enjoying a nice cup of tea is not just a British habit, many other countries have enjoyed the beverage for centuries.

And the habit of a Brit enjoying a cup of tea went into space when British astronaut Tim Peake made sure one of the first things he did when he went into space was to enjoy a cuppa.

The status of tea in British culture cannot be underestimated.

It is the drink many people turn to in times of crisis and much has been written about the beverage.

Last year marked the 60th anniversary of the publication of A Nice Cup of Tea, George



Tea has been a mainstay in British culture for many years and remains popular

Orwell's celebrated essay in which he sets out 11 golden rules for making tea the 'correct' way.

Published in the Evening Standard on January 12 1946, Orwell's essay notes that 'tea is one of the mainstays of civilization in this country, as well as in Eire, Australia and New Zealand,' and that 'the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.'

Looking at Orwell's rules today, many people are sure to find plenty to disagree with. For instance, he insists that only Indian or Ceylonese tea is acceptable, and that it must be made in a china or earthenware teapot, warmed in advance, of course, using tea leaves with 'no strainers, muslin bags or other devices to imprison the tea' (so that's tea bags definitely



Enthusiasts say that there is nothing quite like a nice cup of tea

ruled out. He insists on a 'good breakfast cup' for his tea - 'that is, the cylindrical type of cup, not the flat, shallow type', and prefers milk that's not 'too creamy'. Points 10 and 11 in Orwell's list are the most controversial: he's a tea-first, milk-second man: "The milk-first school can bring forward some fairly strong arguments, but I maintain that my own argument is

unanswerable. This is that, by putting the tea in first and stirring as one pours, one can exactly regulate the amount of milk." However you drink your tea, not many people can argue that a nice cuppa is a perfect thing to with family or friends and we are spoilt for choice in Oswestry and Welshpool thanks to having so many top notch restaurants, hotels and cafes.

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Stunning farmhouse with superb views and large grounds

Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. The village itself has a good range of local amenities.

In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

Originally forming part of the Wynnstay Estate, the property has an attractive 19th century frontage with an earlier farmhouse now serving as its rear wing. The property has remained in the current owner's family for over 100 years and this sale therefore offers a unique opportunity to purchase one of the area's most historic homes.

Clynog is approached over a well-maintained driveway (which is owned by the property) with original iron carriage and walking gates leading onto the courtyard (with adjoining lawned area) which provides access to the property and ample parking.

The agents have been informed it is Grade II Listed and substantial repairs were made to the roof around seven years ago.

The property stands within mature gardens which are mainly laid to lawn with vegetable plots and a host of flowering beds and shrubs all enclosed by stone walls.

Leading off the front of the property is a small gravelled terrace taking full advantage of views over the garden and surrounding countryside.

The driveway continues around the rear of the property and gives access into the orchard which extends to around 0.59 acre (0.24 ha). The orchard itself contains a host of mature fruit trees.

KEY FEATURES

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A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500.

With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

In more detail the entrance hall has a glazed door and a tiled floor and radiator.

The lounge has a feature wood burning stove, wood-effect laminate flooring and an archway



through to the dining room. This again has wood-effect laminate flooring, a radiator and patio doors opening to the rear.

The kitchen is fitted with a range of wall and base units with work surfaces over, a built-in electric oven and hob with a canopy extractor over, space and plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge, an under-stairs storage cupboard, tiled floor and an integral door to garage.

Upstairs, the first floor landing has a cylinder cupboard with slatted shelves and a loft access hatch.

All of the three bedrooms are served by a radiator, with bedroom three also having an over-stair plinth.

The family bathroom is fitted with a three piece suite comprising a panelled bath with an electric shower fitting over and a screen, wash hand basin, low-flush WC, tiled floor and a radiator.

Outside, to the front of the property, double gates open onto the long driveway providing parking for numerous vehicles and giving access to the attached garage. The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders.

The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole for more details on 01691 679595.

Property with good sized plot is within walking distance to town centre services

OSWESTRY
£180,000 >>>

An elevated house with good size plot Oakcroft in Middleton Road in Oswestry is within walking distance of the local amenities and town centre.

It is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £180,000. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and there is an entrance hall, dining room, living room, kitchen and cloakroom. There is also a utility, three bedrooms and a shower room.

The property enjoys off-street parking, a garage and a summer house and there are front and rear gardens. The home is ideally situated for the neighbouring shops and primary schooling and convenient for the town's shopping centre. Oswestry has good local shopping facilities, supermarkets, secondary and private schooling.

The property is traditionally constructed of rendered brick under a slated roof. The accommodation is in need of some modernisation to provide a comfortable family home.

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Well maintained detached house is in a popular area of town

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- 4 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with views over fields to rear
- Driveway and garage provide ample off road parking
- Double glazing and Oil central heating



Upper Brook Street Oswestry £125,000

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- Gas fired central heating, EPC Rating



Castle Street Oswestry £99,995

- Deceptively spacious and immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Terrace House
- Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall and Bathroom
- 2 Bedrooms and access to a further Attic Room
- Rear garden with patio and lawned areas
- Gas central heating and partial double glazing
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- EPC Rating Awaited



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- A well appointed 2 Bed 1st Floor Apartment
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- 2 good size Bedrooms and Shower Rm
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Ardleen Llanyrnnech £215,000

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Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant £450,000

- A stunning Grade II Listed Farmhouse
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- Kitchen Lounge; Kitchen; Utility
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- Coal House; Gallery Landing; Loft Storage Room; Integral Garage
- Gun Room; Cellar; 5 First Floor Bedrooms; Family Bathroom; 5 Attic Rooms
- Large Gardens; Orchard/Paddock.



Waterfall Street Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant £120,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Entrance Hall, Lounge Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility Room, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down the river
- Off road parking to the side
- D/G and Electric Storage Heater, EPC Rating F
- NO CHAIN



Oak Street Oswestry £109,950

- A superbly presented and spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- Retaining many character features including original fireplaces
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Walled gravelled rear garden with patio
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Inch Murrin St Martins £295,000

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- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Cloakroom and Conservatory
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- Gas central heating and double glazing



Hampton Rise Oswestry £335,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated within a desirable established residential location
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Utility
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and double garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
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Contact Halls on 01938 555552.



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The sale of 8 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry offers the rare chance to buy a three-bedroom detached house with a self-contained two-bedroom annexe, within walking distance of the town centre.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson and the asking price is offers in the region of £314,995.

The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC.

The main property on the first floor has three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room. The annexe accommodation which comes with the property includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

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Leading thinkers to appear at festival of education



Sir Robert Winston is one of the key speakers at the Festival of Education at the Marches School

SOME of the country's brightest minds will be at a Festival of Education at the Marches School in Oswestry.

Headlining the event is Sir Robert Winston who pioneered fertility treatment and went on to be a television presenter looking at all aspects of humans.

Executive head at the school Sarah Longville, said: "I admire and respect Sir Robert Winston and what he has achieved through his life, improving the lives of young people by getting them to understand how the brain

functions, to understand at a deeper level how important it is to help and support children's development in the right ways."

She said the Festival of Education was all about giving teachers and pupils the confidence and the toolkits, skills and strategy needed to further themselves personally and professionally. Mrs Longville said: "The speakers we have confirmed at this year's event are world-class including Sir Robert Winston, Andy Buck and Will Ord and business leaders such as Robert Forrester from Vertu Motors.

"We are bringing national speakers together in one space in a one-day festival for teachers and young people to experience new thoughts, new ideas – to learn together rather than in isolation."

Sir Robert recently spoke of the importance of bringing university level human biology to an audience at an earlier stage in their education. He raised concerns about what he claimed was the government's continual withdrawal of state education funding, adding: "We should be doing much more in primary schools. We

should be hitting them with science early on, rather than devastating them as we are currently with funding being withdrawn."

Talking about lecturing in schools, he said: "If there is one thing you can do for society in general, whatever field you are in, it's to help the next generation."

The festival will also include children's workshops such as Operating Theatre Live, Aardman Animations who brought Shaun the Sheep last year and 'dinosaurs' around the school all day. The festival takes place on June 29.



Marches School headteacher Sarah Longville is looking forward to the festival

Youngsters enjoy success and variety of experiences



Max Clarke enjoyed great success at the British Physics Olympiad Challenge



Michael Doyle, Dan Counter, Joseph Law and Alistair Moss enjoyed swimming success

Report by Sue Austin

STUDENTS at Oswestry School have been enjoying new experiences and success.

Sixth Form pupil Vladimer Choghoshvili spent Easter holiday with North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, working in his office at the House of Commons.

Oswestry School entered the British Physics Olympiad Challenge and achieved some outstanding results.

Max Clarke, who received a Gold Award in last year's GCSE paper, excelled in the AS Challenge by again achieving a Gold Award putting him in the top 100 students in the country. In the same paper Roly Hancock received a Silver Award while Tedora Nanesco and Adelina Crecian each won Commendations.

Swimmers from Oswestry School sent a strong contingent to the Shropshire County Secondary Schools Swimming Gala held at Thomas Telford School.

Third Form pupil Dan Counter swam 100m butterfly and took home not only a three second personal best, but a silver medal too. Fifth Form pupil Alistair Moss swam in both 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle winning yet another silver medal for the team.

Michael Doyle dominated the 100m breaststroke race pocketing a gold medal won silver in the 200m individual medley. Joseph Law claimed bronze in the 100m freestyle race.

Fifth Form pupil Jacob Tidridge has been accepted as an Under 17 member of the British Milers Club by running 800m in under 2:04:00 minutes.

The British Milers Club is the premier middle distance athletics club in the country.



Owen Paterson with Vladimer Choghoshvili



Jacob Tidridge has been rewarded for his running prowess

Artefacts from historic home sold at auction

HISTORIC records of an Oswestry family home are among valuable artefacts bought by The National Library of Wales from an auction of Harlech family property.

The Aberystwyth-based library purchased valuable manuscripts and pictures for the nation in Bonhams' auction of the contents of Glyn Cywarch, Lord Harlech's north Wales property, in March.

Purchases include Ormsby Gore's Journal for 1854, three Game Books, two catalogues of the contents of the historic library at Brogryntyn Hall, in Oswestry, and also three watercolours by Moses Griffith.

There was much pre-sale interest in a lot containing three volumes of Lord Harlech's Game Books (1882-1925) and the library received support from a group of interested ornithologists to fund the purchase of these historical items.

The books record shoots at Brogryntyn and other estates in Wales and Scotland, noting those present such as Lord Harlech, Lord Kenyon, Sir W Wynn and Mr Gore.

They note the game kills at Brogryntyn, including from a bumper year in 1911 with 2,787 pheasants, 303 partridges and 36 hares to 1918 when just 354 pheasants, 46 partridges and four hares were shot.

Nia Mai Daniel, head of the archives and manuscript section at the university, said the manuscript catalogue of the library at Brogryntyn 1709 lists 2,000 books with a fine illuminated frontispiece incorporating the arms of Margaret Owen, wife of Owen Ormsby, for whom it was made. "It appears to be the earliest surviving complete catalogue of the library," she said.

Jobs on offer at new prison

HMP Berwyn in Wrexham has started another round of applications and is inviting submissions from members of the public who think they may have what it takes to be prison officers.

A spokesman said: "Officers will form a strong part of the prison's rehabilitative culture, and also set the standards expected by other recruits and the men at the prison."

"They need to be able to be supportive, but also be firm when needed. Successful applicants will join a strong team of officers, all of whom were in place when HMP Berwyn opened earlier this year."

Roles are set to start in July and August, kicking off 10 weeks of training, which will lead to a diploma qualification for all successful applicants.

The first men were transferred to HMP Berwyn at the end of February, when the £212 million 'super prison' on the site of the former Firestone factory on Wrexham Industrial Estate became operational.

The facility is split into three blocks, with each being able to hold up to 702 men, which are named after bodies of water in North Wales – Alwen, Bala and Ceiriog.

The blocks are broken up into 24 communities, which can hold up to 88 people.

There are even specific communities for armed forces veterans.

Invitation to be an active buddy

A NEW scheme to help older people to be more active has been launched in Oswestry.

Shropshire Rural Communities Charity is looking for Active Buddies to share up to two hours per week, to help make a difference to someone's life.

The volunteer buddy would accompany someone to their chosen activity, for just a few weeks – a gentle exercise class, a Walk for Health, a gym session or a local sports club.

Susie Hancock from Shropshire RCC said: "Research has shown that physical activity is vitally important for the physical and mental health of people of all ages. Many older people feel isolated in their own homes. They would like to be more active but the idea of facing a lot of new people in a new environment, such as an exercise class, is very daunting."

Anyone interested should contact Susie Hancock at Shropshire RCC on (01743) 342160 or susie.hancock@shropshire-rcc.org.uk.

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A Little More Mascara for West End and TV star John

He's thrilled that the new touring production of hit musical *La Cage aux Folles* will land at one of the area's theatres on Tuesday.

EastEnders star John John had a great time when he visited Birmingham recently, as the show featured in the city's Gay Village. Because the lavish new production about a drag artiste in a vibrant St Tropez nightclub is a tale of inclusivity.

John says: "The message is that you can be whoever you want to be, no matter what race, religion or sexuality you are. We all have to learn to accept, celebrate, acknowledge and respect each other's differences. We need to realise that we're all individuals living together, so we have to get along."

Bill Kenwright's *La Cage aux Folles* is a glitzy, high-kicking, feather-trimmed joy starring John and Adrian Zmed. It will feature at Wolverhampton's Grand until July 1.

George and the dazzling drag artiste Albin, otherwise known as Za Za and the star of *La Cage aux Folles*, live an idyllic existence in the heart of St Tropez. But behind the curtains of this sparkling extravaganza, all may be about to change.

George's son Jean-Michel announces his engagement to the daughter of a notorious right-wing politician determined to close down the local colourful night-life. Drama and hilarity ensue when a meeting of the parents forces them to cover up their vibrant lifestyle. Will Albin be able to play the role of his life to ensure that Jean-Michel can marry his love?

The production stars West End hero John, whose extensive theatre credits include the West End productions of *A Chorus Line* at the London Palladium, *Cats*, *Starlight Express* and *Chicago*. He also played the loveable Christian in BBC's *EastEnders*.

Alongside him is Broadway star Adrian, whose credits include *Blood Brothers*, *Grease* and *Falsettos*. On television he played Officer Vince Romano alongside William Shatner in the long running hit series *T.J. Hooker* and big screen credits include *Johnny in Grease 2*.

Joining them is West End icon, Marti Webb. She received huge critical acclaim for *Tell Me on a Sunday*, a show specifically written for her by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black.

John has spent a lifetime preparing for such roles, having left school for *Cats* as a teenager. "Leaving school for *Cats* when I was 16 really wasn't a big decision. I'd trained for it all my life. I'd been away at boarding school, the Royal Ballet School, since I was nine years old, and by 16 I was ready to go.

"During that first year of touring, my father passed away. I had to deal with a lot personally and I also grew up a lot. Thinking back on it now, it was quite extraordinary, but at the time, when you're 16, you don't give it much attention. It doesn't seem unusual or dangerous or out of the ordinary."

That production remains dear to John and he has the fondest memories of it: "Cats is dear to me because it's the only time my father has seen me perform. The show will always have a special place in my heart for that reason, but it was also a

Love story – John stars alongside Broadway star Adrian Zmed



place I spent a lot of my youth. Things got very comfortable and very familiar. It never felt like going to work, it felt like going home."

Yet despite getting such a good start to his career, John had to work hard to make a go of things. While he landed on his feet in *Cats*, he had to repeat the feat again and again and again, until he was established.

"It's easy to get your first job, but it's really about getting your fifth and your sixth and so on. It's about keeping it going. Being able to take the rejections, the criticisms, the good reviews, the bad reviews... that's what gets difficult. In many ways, one of the things I'm most proud of is that I've stuck it out and endured it."

He's doing so at present following the death of his mother. John had appeared on *Celebrity Big Brother* to raise funds for her care, which cost £45,000 per year. However, his mum, Bridget, died in April after being diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's in 2010. John tried to care for her as long as he could and she moved in with him for a while.

"Then, when we as a family felt we were not equipped medically to deal with her condition – my sister and I both work – we had to find her a placement."

"The only place we felt was fitting for her cost that amount of money and we saw a lot of places."

He said: "My mum passed away with zero in her bank account. Zero. I wish she had enjoyed the money."

She saved for the wrong things, she saved for her family. "My mum worked so hard every

day of her life and what she had was to leave, not to us necessarily, but to her grandchildren, and that was all she had."

"People now say things like, 'There are positive ways to live with dementia'. You name me one. Because as far as I can see, there is nothing positive to having Alzheimer's or dementia."

"It is brutal and it is cruel and I have nothing good to say about it."

It's easy to get your first job, but it's really about getting your fifth job . . .

La Cage aux Folles is a joyous production. The original 1983 Broadway production received nine nominations for Tony Awards and won six, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. The success of the musical spawned a West End production and several international runs.

The 2004 Broadway revival won the Tony Award for Best Revival, and the 2008 London revival garnered the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival. The 2010 Broadway revival was nominated for eleven Tony Awards, winning the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

It has toured around the world, with productions in Australia, Germany, Colombia, Mexico, Estonia, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Korea, Denmark, Panama, Puerto Rico, Sweden and the Philippines.

John is happy simply to be a part of it: "Thinking about *La Cage aux Folles* makes me quite emotional. We've had a standing ovation every night. I've just come off a sell-out tour of Chicago and we very rarely had a standing ovation. This is the kind of show that compels people to get on their feet. The book [by Harvey Fierstein] is a gift, there isn't a word out of place. To be able to stand onstage every night and sing 'I Am What I Am' is really life-affirming."

"It's a riot from start to finish. Gary McCann has done an amazing job with our set – it looks like the inside of a jewellery box. My costumes are sensational – I have 14 changes in the first half alone. Albin has been played by some legends before me, and it's not something I take on lightly. I'm from Manchester and I decided to play him as a northerner. It feels very familiar to me, and I feel very comfortable in his shoes because of that."

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Actor Graham joins the pantomime bill

Actor Graham Cole will join the bill for this year's gigantic family pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk in Wolverhampton.

The former Bill star will join the previously announced Gareth Gates, Lisa Riley, Doreen Tipton, Ian Adams and Adam C Booth at the Grand Theatre from December.

Graham is best-known as PC Tony Stamp in the much-loved ITV serial drama The Bill.

This was a role he played for more than 25 years from 1984 until the programme ended in 2009.

In that time he detained thousands of criminals ensuring the streets of London were safe,

but will be swapping good for bad, playing the role of the Giant's henchman, the evil Fleshcreep in this year's pantomime.

In addition to his lengthy stint at Sun Hill Police Station, Graham held previous roles in Doctor Who, Casualty, The Keeper of Traken and The Twin Dilemma.

Since leaving The Bill Graham has made numerous stage appearances, including the leading role in Scrooge at the Garrick Theatre and General Waverley in Irving Berlin's White Christmas at the Festival Theatre Edinburgh, a role he reprised for a record-breaking run at the

Dominion Theatre in London's West End.

The popular actor said: "I'm really looking forward to playing a real baddie for once, and what better way to spend Christmas than to terrify Wolverhampton audiences working for Giant Blunderbore."

Jack and the Beanstalk will run from from December 9 until January 14 at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Tickets for the show start from £19.

They can be booked in person, by phone on 01902 429212 or online at grandtheatre.co.uk.



Coming up

Surge in Gregory Porter ticket sales

Fans of the acclaimed soul, jazz and gospel singer Gregory Porter are being urged to book tickets for his appearance at the Llangollen Eisteddfod, after it was confirmed to be his only North West performance this year.

Sales of tickets to see the Grammy award-winning singer songwriter's North Wales debut have been strong since their release, but news that – amid a jam-packed international tour schedule – this is to be his only show in the North West UK this year has prompted a surge of interest.



He will perform at the festival on July 7 as part of its 70th anniversary week with tracks from his latest album 'Take Me to the Alley' as well as a selection of older works. Eilir Owen Griffiths, music director, said: "It's quite the coup securing Gregory's only performance in the North West this year. Since the tickets were released they have been selling like hot cakes and this news has further fuelled interest."

"His appearance at the Eisteddfod, which will be his North Wales debut, perfectly showcases the diversity of our concert programme and its ability to attract top names across broad musical genres."

"It is set to be a magical performance against the backdrop of the stunning Llangollen valley and we are urging fans to book now to avoid disappointment."

For more information or to buy tickets visit www.llangollen.net.

Quartet to return for festival

The Allegri Quartet returns in July for the annual Llanfyllin Music Festival.



The festival sees four concerts take place in St Myllin's Church, Llanfyllin.

For the last concert, on Sunday, July 30, the quartet (pictured during rehearsals) will be joined by Felix Tanner, violin, and Reinoud Ford, cello, to play sextets by Brahms and Richard Strauss. Ren was a guest player last year, and we are delighted to welcome him back.

Talented chamber musicians, both Ren and Felix are members of the Brodowski Quartet.

Additionally, Ren plays with full-scale orchestras, including the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. He is currently musical director for Ballet Boyz, an all male ballet ensemble and is director of the Ashdown Music Festival. Felix Tanner is a member of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra but plays outside the classical field too, having worked with artists including Jools Holland and Kate Rusby. Felix is also a member of Tango Siempre, a London based tango band.

The festival starts on Friday, July 21 with string quartets by Haydn, Mozart and Ravel. On July 23 there is more Haydn, plus Barber's poignant Adagio for Strings, and Schubert's quartet no. 1. On July 28 there is more Mozart, and quartets by Beethoven and Dvorak.

Full details are on the festival website at www.llanfyllinfestival.org.uk

Step back in time at castle

Medieval knights will clash to mark the 10th anniversary of the restoration and re-opening of a historic castle near Oswestry.



Whittington Castle will be hosting the family fun event on Saturday and Sunday.

The event will see Knights in Battle, a specialist society, spending the weekend at the castle.

Members of the group will stage a 13th century foot tournament.

This will see knights in chain mail up against each other in a single combat for a prize of gold.

There will be training fights without armour and some archery as well.

Camp cooks will be providing food for the knights during the two-day event.

Castle manager, Sue Ellis, said she was looking forward to the event and said the knights were known to put on a good show.

She said: "The Knights In Battle Medieval Society is a Sheffield based group specialising in bringing medieval history to life. Their goal is to produce an excellent appearance and a high quality of entertainment at public events. The society represents the household, soldiers, captain, cooks, armourers and other camp-followers."

The event will run from 10am until 4pm each day with the cost for entry £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Carol looks forward to hometown performance

Shrewsbury rock star Carol Decker is returning to her home town to celebrate the 30th anniversary of T'Pau's biggest hit, China In Your Hand.

The song, which featured on the album Bridge of Spies, remains a fans' favourite and two years ago was named as one of the nation's favourites in an ITV poll.

It was written at Pengwern Boat Club, where Decker was living with her then-partner Ron Rogers.

The duo had formed the band after playing in other Shropshire groups during the 1980s and the song went to number one in the UK, Switzerland, Norway, Ireland, Holland and Belgium, as well as achieving a top 10 placing around the world.

China In Your Hand knocked the Bee Gees' You Win Again off the top spot. It spent a total of five weeks at the top of the UK chart and was replaced at number one by George Harrison's Got My Mind Set On You.

Ms Decker said she was looking forward to returning to Shrewsbury. She said: "I always feel at home when I come to Shrewsbury. I played in The Quarry Park this summer on the Let's Rock Shrewsbury festival and I can't wait to return."

"We wanted to do something special to celebrate the 30th anniversary of China In Your Hand and commemorating it in the town where it was written will be wonderful."

Ms Decker and Mr Rogers, a former BT engineer, lived in Shrewsbury for many years and wrote all of their biggest hits in their flat on the banks of the River Severn.

Tickets for the show at the Buttermarket on November 17 are now on sale.

In her autobiography, Heart and Soul, Ms Decker revealed that the couple were so up against it that they were sometimes unable to heat their flat and had to rely on food parcels from relatives. However, that all changed when China In Your Hand became a megahit – catapulting Decker and her band into a different league.

Carol Decker will be returning to Shrewsbury to perform in the town to celebrate her hit record China In Your Hand



* A COMMUNITY choir is looking for new members to make a joyful noise.

Although the Joyful Noise Community Gospel Choir is based at Cabin Lane Church, Oswestry, it sees itself as a community and not a church choir.

David Bird, who leads the choir said: "We are a group of people of all ages, at present from ranging from 17-90. We enjoy getting together on a weekly basis to sing and, from time to time, share our enjoyment with others in the community."

He said that no formal training or even an ability to read music was required to join the choir, simply an enjoyment of singing together.

Mr Bird said: "We meet to practise most Tuesdays, from 7pm-8.30pm, in the school term, and are always looking

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to recruit new members. The choir does not wish to be defined solely as a Gospel choir but embraces a variety of different styles of music.

"We sing at various local events with Christmas and Easter are particularly busy times for us. In October, we'll be singing at our first wedding."

The choir will perform at the church on July 8 when they will be joined by professional performer Rob Halligan.

Tickets will be on sale at £7.50 each from Cabin Lane Church and Oswestry Christian Book Shop.

Anyone interested can go along

to a Tuesday practice or find more information on the choir's Facebook page.

* WESTON Rhyn & District Gardening Club has organised a visit from TV gardening expert Christine Walkden. Christine is a well known horticulturist and author and is the resident gardener on the BBC's 'One Show'.

She will be appearing at the Marches School hall on October 11 where she will be singing at Making the Most of Your Garden.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each.

Tickets go on sale to the general public on July 1.

People can send a cheque payable to Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club

with your email, phone number, amount of tickets required and a stamped addressed envelope to Ann Sadler, Roseacre, Clarkes Lane, St Martins, Shropshire, SY11 3ES.

* THE Burwarton Show is taking place on August 3 and there's something for all the family.

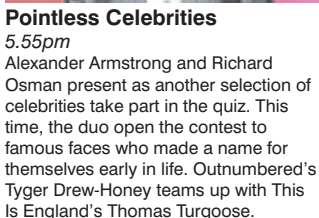
Trade exhibition space in all areas is fully allocated with an interesting variety of stands.

A new attraction in the equine classes is the Race Horse to Riding Horse Amateur Ridden Show series qualifier sponsored by Ludlow Race Club.

For information go www.burwartonshow.co.uk.

Pre-show discounted tickets are available via the website.

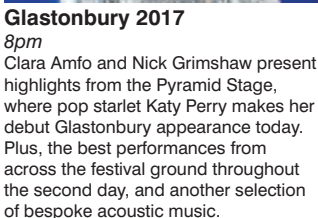
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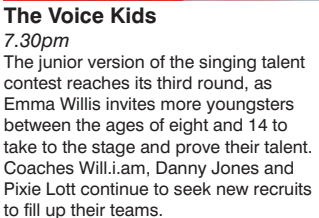
Pointless Celebrities

5.55pm

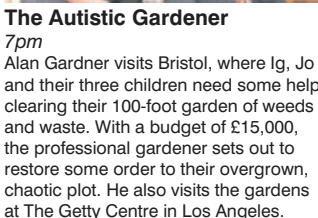
Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as another selection of celebrities take part in the quiz. This time, the duo open the contest to famous faces who made a name for themselves early in life. Outnumbered's Tiger Drew-Honey teams up with This Is England's Thomas Turgoose.



Glastonbury 2017
8pm
Clara Amfo and Nick Grimshaw present highlights from the Pyramid Stage, where pop starlet Katy Perry makes her debut Glastonbury appearance today. Plus, the best performances from across the festival ground throughout the second day, and another selection of bespoke acoustic music.



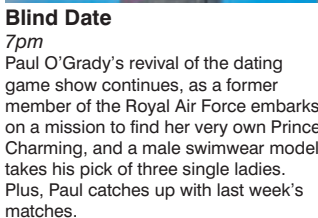
The Voice Kids
7.30pm
The junior version of the singing talent contest reaches its third round, as Emma Willis invites more youngsters between the ages of eight and 14 to take to the stage and prove their talent. Coaches Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott continue to seek new recruits to fill up their teams.



The Autistic Gardener

7pm

Alan Gardner visits Bristol, where Ig, Jo and their three children need some help clearing their 100-foot garden of weeds and waste. With a budget of £15,000, the professional gardener sets out to restore some order to their overgrown, chaotic plot. He also visits the gardens at The Getty Centre in Los Angeles.



Blind Date

7pm

Paul O'Grady's revival of the dating game show continues, as a former member of the Royal Air Force embarks on a mission to find her very own Prince Charming, and a male swimwear model takes his pick of three single ladies. Plus, Paul catches up with last week's matches.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. Comedian, actor and musician Bill Bailey joins host Michel Roux Jr to sample dishes prepared in the studio by chocolatier William Curley and Chinese cookery expert Ching He Huang.

11.30 Food & Drink. Tom Kerridge joins Michel Roux Jr to demonstrate how the consumer can spend less on food without sacrificing flavour, creating a meal using breast of lamb for just £2 a head. (R)

12.00 Bargain Hunt. Two wild swimmers go up against a pair of lifeguards in Bulth Wells, with the assistance of Caroline Hawley and Colin Young. (R)

1.00 BBC News; Weather.

1.15 Tennis: Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the sixth day of the famous grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring the men's singles semi-finals. Coverage continues on BBC2.

5.35 BBC News.

5.45 Midlands Today; Weather.

5.55 Pointless Celebrities. Tiger DREW-HONEY, Thomas TURGOVER, Julie DAWN COLE, Mark LESTER, Les MACDONALD, Erkan MUSTAFA, Michelle GAYLE and Adam RICKITT take part in a child star-themed edition of the quiz. (R)

6.45 Doctor Who. Trapped on board a spaceship in the event horizon of a black hole, the Doctor witnesses the death of someone he pledged to protect, and battles time itself to reverse his mistake.

7.30 Pitch Battle. The choral music contest continues, as Mel Giedroyc gives another diverse selection of choirs a chance to compete in head-to-head knock-out challenges. The groups will be asked to demonstrate their signature style with a 'showstopper' performance, before moving on to test their mettle in a 'riff-off' that sees them competing opposite a rival outfit. Bebe Rexha takes a seat on the panel, to help resident judges Gareth Malone and Kelis to deliver their expert opinions on each performance.

9.00 Casualty. Alicia's concerns about Ethan escalate when she discovers he hasn't been sleeping, and has instead been keeping watch outside of Scott Ellison's flat. Elsewhere, Iain and Lily begin the day with a spring in their step after their night together, but cracks begin to show in their blossoming relationship when they disagree over how to deal with an elderly couple hospitalised following a botched suicide pact. Plus, sparks fly between Connie and Sam.

9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys. Cathy goes to extreme lengths to impress her psychologist boyfriend, Rory and Dino locate the perfect apartment, and Mark prepares to emigrate to Australia. (R)

10.20 BBC News; National Lottery Update.

10.40 FILM: The Proposal (2009). Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock.

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.30 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.40** **FILM: Love Affair (1939).** Two strangers have a whirlwind romance on a cruise, but a tragic accident threatens to prevent them pursuing the relationship. Romantic drama, with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne.
- 8.05** **FILM: Odette (1950).** The French widow of an English soldier becomes a British spy during the Nazi occupation of her country. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Anna Neagle and Trevor Howard.
- 10.00** **Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape.** Monty takes to the water to electronically tag the fins of basking sharks off the West Coast of Ireland so their movements can be tracked by scientists. (R)
- 11.00** **Homes Under the Hammer.** Lucy Alexander, Dion Dublin and Martin Roberts explore properties about to be auctioned in Port Talbot, Wimbeldon and Telford. (R)
- 12.00** **Great British Menu.** The first of the Northern Ireland heats. (R)
- 12.30** **Great British Menu.** The Northern Ireland chefs prepare their seafood courses. (R)
- 1.00** **FILM: Splash! (1984).** A mermaid falls for a New Yorker she saved from drowning and assumes human form so she can follow him onto dry land. Romantic fantasy comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah.
- 2.45** **Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a family home with land in Wiltshire. (R)
- 3.30** **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants a tree fern in the damp garden, Flo Headlam visits an inspiring church garden in Lewisham and Carol Klein selects hardy geraniums as her Plant of the Month. Including Weather. (R)
- 4.30** **Flog It!** From Balbrinny House in Fife. (R)
- 5.30** **Glastonbury 2017.** Lauren Laverne and Nick Grimshaw begin the BBC's TV coverage of the second day of the annual music festival in Somerset, with performances by Jools Holland and Craig David.
- 7.00** **Supercharged Otters: Natural World.** Documentary following three orphaned river otters, as cameraman Charlie Hamilton James sets out to reveal their survival secrets and what makes these creatures so captivating. (R)
- 8.00** **Glastonbury 2017.** Clara Amfo and Nick Grimshaw present highlights of Katy Perry's debut Glastonbury set on the Pyramid stage. Plus, the best performances from across the festival ground.
- 9.00** **Glastonbury 2017.** Live coverage of Foo Fighters' headline set this evening, which will mark the band's first appearance at Glastonbury since 1998. Plus, a variety of bespoke acoustic performances.
- 1.00** **FILM: Goodbye First Love (2011).** A teenager is devastated by the loss of her first love. Years later, his return threatens her new relationship. Romantic drama, with Lola Creton.
- 2.45** **This is BBC2.**

6.00 **CITY:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Sooty **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Oddbods **7.05** Super 4 **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go **8.10** Ben 10

8.25 **ITV News.**

8.30 **Weekend.** Rufus Hound joins Aled Jones to discuss starring in Julian Fellowes' West End musical version of *The Wind in the Willows*. Plus, two performances by 1990s pop act Steps.

9.25 **ITV Racing: The Opening Show.** Oli Bell and Hayley Turner present a look ahead to day five at Royal Ascot, where the feature race of the day is the Diamond Jubilee Stakes.

10.25 **Judge Rinder.** Cameras follow criminal barrister Robert Rinder as he takes on real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)

11.25 **FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011).** The mischievous little boy discovers his school is faced with closure and hatches a plan to save it. Comedy based on the children's books, with Theo Stevenson and Richard E. Grant.

1.15 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

1.30 **ITV Racing Live: Royal Ascot.** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of day five of the prestigious festival, including the 4.20 Diamond Jubilee Stakes plus races at 2.30, 3.05, 3.40, 5.00 and 5.35.

6.00 **ITV News Central; Weather.**

6.10 **ITV News and Weather.**

6.25 **Catchphrase: Celebrity Special.** New series. Diversity's Ashley Banjo, Benidorm actor Jake Canuso and TV presenter Lorraine Kelly take part in a special celebrity edition of the guessing game-show.

7.30 **The Voice Kids.** The junior version of the singing talent contest reaches its third round, as coaches Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott seek more new recruits to fill up their teams.

9.00 **FILM: Casino Royale (2006).** James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig.

11.50 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

12.10 **The Chase.** Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz expert the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)

1.05 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.00 **Who's Doing the Dishes?** Gemma Collins cooks up an Essex-style feast and offers cryptic clues to help the diners guess her identity and avoid having to do the dishes. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.10 Transvaluciana Ultra Marathon.** Action from the 74.3km endurance event.
- 6.35 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge.** Action from Silverstone.
- 7.05 Ironman: Staffordshire.** Action from the recent event.
- 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part two of two. Robert and Amy exchange vows. (R)
- 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra joins Ray on the golf course. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** Niles becomes jealous of a dog-lover. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** The shrink's trip to Belize is over-subscribed. (R)
- 9.30 The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard meets up with the woman he kissed. (R)
- 10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** The guys' skills are tested by a flat tyre during Leonard's bachelor party weekend. (R)
- 10.25 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon remembers back to the days before he met Leonard. (R)
- 10.55 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.** Coverage from the eighth round of the season.
- 12.25 F1 Meets Toto Wolff.** An interview with the head of Mercedes Benz motorsport.
- 12.55 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Qualifying Live.** Coverage from the Baku City Circuit (Start-time 2.00pm).
- 3.30 World's Most Expensive Cars.** A Jaguar D-Type goes up for auction in Monterey, California.
- 4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A Bristol couple search for a holiday home in Barbados. (R)
- 5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It.** A Surrey couple are undecided about their riverside cottage. (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 The Autistic Gardener.** Alan Gardner is given a budget of £15,000 to restore order to a chaotic, 100-foot plot in Bristol, and discovers the value of geometrical design at The Getty Centre in Los Angeles.
- 8.00 Britain's Great Gay Buildings.** Stephen Fry, Richard Coles, Mary Portas, Craig Revel Horwood, Simon Callow, Rikki Beadle-Blair, Liz Carr and Waheed Alli explore buildings that helped define gay rights in the UK.
- 9.00 FILM: Identity Thief (2013).** An executive goes in search of the con-woman living off his credit cards, planning to bring her to justice personally. Comedy, with Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy.
- 11.15 FILM: The Purge (2013).** A family takes shelter at home during an annual night when all crime is legal, but cannot escape the violence outside. Horror, starring Lena Headey and Ethan Hawke.
- 12.50 Ramsay's Hotel Hell.** Gordon Ramsay visits a Tuscan-style hotel in New Mexico. (R)
- 1.40 Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Lisa and Tegan begin plotting together.
- 3.50 Ackley Bridge.** Missy convinces Nas to make a play for her teacher, Lisa. (R)
- 4.45 Shipping Wars UK.** (R)
- 5.15 Fifteen to One.** General knowledge quiz, hosted by Sandi Toksvig. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Pip Ahoy! **6.10** **Milkshake!** Monkey **6.15** **Milkshake!** Bop Box **6.20** The Mr Men Show **6.30** **Peppa Pig** **6.35** **Peppa Pig** **6.40** **Wissper** **6.50** Paw Patrol **7.00** **Bop the Builder** **7.15** Fireman Sam **7.25** **Oily the Little White Van** **7.30** **Oily the Little White Van** **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.50** **Blaze and the Monster Machines** **8.15** **Noddy: Toyland Detective** **8.35** **Wissper** **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.55** **Shimmer and Shine** **9.25** **Little Princess** **9.40** **Peppa Pig** **9.50** **Peppa Pig** **9.55** **Peppa Pig** **10.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom

10.15 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)

10.50 **Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud.** (R)

11.15 **Police Interceptors.** (R)

12.15 **Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuit.** A collection of the most extreme chases officers have been involved in. (R)

1.15 **The Great British Benefits Handout.** Three unemployed families are given a cash lump sum in return for signing off. (R)

2.15 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A man takes a stand when his neighbour erects a high fence. (R)

3.15 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door: When Neighbours Attack.** A six-year dispute over a shared drive. (R)

4.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Special.** The agents make a dangerous discovery.

5.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R)

6.05 **5 News Weekend.**

6.10 **Funnist Ever Toddler Tantrums.** (R)

7.00 **Blind Date.** The dating game show continues, as a former member of the Royal Air Force and a male swimwear model look for love. Plus, Paul O'Grady catches up with last week's matches.

8.00 **Before They Were Stars.** Part two of two. Dale Winton revisits another selection of archive clips that immortalised popular celebrities' first, ill-advised forays into the cut-throat world of showbusiness.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.05 **The Miranda Hart Story.** Profile of the comedian, examining her early years performing at the Edinburgh Festival before reaching stardom with her successful sitcom and dramatic role in Call the Midwife. (R)

11.25 **Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan.** Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as comedian Jason Manford and actress Michelle Keegan go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)

11.50 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 **SuperCasino.**

3.10 **Gold Digger and Proud.** (R)

4.00 **House Doctor.** (R)

4.50 **House Doctor.** (R)

5.15 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)

5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)

5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

June 25



Tracey Breaks the News
10.30pm
Tracey Ullman returns with a one-off political and topical offering, filmed close to transmission and broadcast in the aftermath of the general election. For the first time Tracey is taking on an impression of Theresa May, alongside favourites Angela Merkel and Nicola Sturgeon.



Flog It!
5.10pm
Paul Martin presents as people are invited to try to make money out of their antiques by taking a risk at auction. In this episode, Michael Baggott and Kate Bateman are at Dulwich College in south-east London, where they value items including a Steiff monkey and a silver Russian goblet.



Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup
3.30pm
Germany v Cameroon (Kick-off 4.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of both teams' third and final Group B encounter, held at Fisht Olympic Stadium in Sochi. Both of these nations are appearing in this tournament for the third time.



Great Canal Journeys: India
8pm
Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales leave India's canals behind to explore the Brahmaputra river, a rarely navigated stretch of water with a remarkable history. They follow an old tea trading route, meet a community of monks and take a ride on an elephant.



OMG! My Barbie Body
10.05pm
New series. Documentary series about people who have undergone extreme cosmetic surgery to achieve their ideal appearance. The first episode focuses on three women who have tried to turn themselves into Barbie dolls, including a woman who has spent 11 years transforming herself.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
9.00	The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00	Sunday Morning Live. Emma Barnett and Sean Fletcher present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00	Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15	Bargain Hunt. Charlie Ross and Charles Hanson lead two teams competing at Ardingly Antiques Fair in West Sussex, while presenter Tim Wonnacott observes which side raises the greater profit. (R)
1.00	BBC News; Weather.
1.15	Homes Under the Hammer. Lucy Alexander, Dion Dublin and Martin Roberts explore properties about to be auctioned in Port Talbot, Wimbledon and Telford. (R)
2.00	Tennis: Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the men's singles final at Queen's Club, on the seventh day of the famous grass-court tournament.
5.10	Points of View. Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
5.25	Songs of Praise. David Grant travels along the Settle to Carlisle railway.
6.00	Celebrity Mastermind. John Humphrys tests Shappi Khorsandi, Chris Stark, Piers Taylor and Lee Pearson on Charlie Chaplin, Scott Mills, Bob Dylan and British birds. (R)
6.30	BBC News.
6.50	Midlands Today; Weather.
7.00	Countryfile. Featuring a selection of reports from the series featuring working animals, plus an expert on birds of prey in Carmarthenshire who uses drones to train falcons to hunt.
8.00	Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from the Lake District, where items include a collection of signed Beatrix Potter first editions and a desk that belonged to the last Russian tsar.
9.00	Poldark. Ross is ordered to leave Roscoff under threat of execution, and Sam leads a congregation of methodists in protest outside the church – only to face broken promises from George.
10.00	BBC News.
10.20	Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30	Tracey Breaks the News. Tracey Ullman returns with a one-off political and topical offering, filmed close to transmission and broadcast in the aftermath of the general election. (R)
11.00	Live at the Apollo. Leading performers on the stand-up circuit share their light-hearted views on modern life in this show recorded before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
11.30	FILM: The Spectacular Now (2013). A teenage loner bonds with a drunken classmate who helps her create a new persona for herself to boost her confidence. Drama, starring Miles Teller.
1.00	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.05	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.00	A to Z of TV Gardening. Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter S. (R)
6.45	The Instant Gardener. An exotic garden in Croydon. Last in the series. (R)
7.30	Gardeners' World. Monty Don plants a tree fern in the damp garden, Flo Headlam visits an inspiring church garden in Lewisham and Carol Klein selects hardy geraniums as her Plant of the Month. (R)
8.30	The Beechgrove Garden. Brian Cunningham experiments with alternatives to box plants.
9.00	Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Sean Fletcher present the show from the Hay Festival, meeting writers and artists and reporting on a wildlife safari inspired by one of the featured books. (R)
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
11.30	Great British Menu. The entrants representing Northern Ireland prepare their main courses. (R)
12.00	Great British Menu. The Northern Ireland chefs present their desserts. (R)
12.30	Great British Menu. The two highest-scoring chefs from Northern Ireland cook once more. (R)
1.00	Sailing: America's Cup Highlights. Shirley Robertson presents action from races five and six of the prestigious event in Bermuda, as Oracle Team USA look to triumph for the third successive occasion.
2.00	Money for Nothing. Sarah Moore transforms items reclaimed from an Altrincham tip. (R)
2.45	Garden Rescue. Designing a garden for a family of seven in Lincolnshire. (R)
3.15	Escape to the Country. A couple looking for a property with business potential in the Yorkshire Dales. (R)
4.15	Natural World. The story of a giant otter cub. (R)
5.10	Flog It! From Dulwich College in south-east London. (R)
6.00	Glastonbury 2017. Mark Radcliffe and Lauren Laverne present coverage of Barry Gibb's performance at the Sunday Afternoon Legends slot, and disco band Chic's appearance at the Pyramid Stage.
9.00	Glastonbury 2017. Clara Amfo and Huw Stephens present live coverage of Ed Sheeran's headlining debut at the Pyramid Stage. Plus, a look back at the highlights of the weekend. Last in the series.
12.00	FILM: Up There (2012). A spirit charged with escorting the recently deceased to the afterlife ends up losing a soul somewhere in a seaside town. Comic fantasy, starring Burn Gorman and Kate O'Flynn.
1.15	Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from Plymouth, chaired by David Dimbleby. (R)
2.15	Sign Zone: Holby City. As Jasmine begins to investigate the past, she makes a shocking discovery. (R)
3.15	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids
6.10	Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids
6.20	Sooty
6.30	Signed Stories: Share a Story
6.35	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
7.00	Oddbods
7.05	Super 4
7.20	Marvel Avengers Assemble
7.45	Thunderbirds Are Go
8.10	Ben 10
8.25	ITV News.
8.30	Weekend. With the Jacksons, Sally Lindsay and Alastair Campbell.
9.25	Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. A trek through the rolling plains of Cheshire. (R)
10.00	Peston on Sunday. Political magazine.
11.00	Love Your Garden. Alan Titchmarsh and his team transform a garden in Plymouth. (R)
12.00	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.10	FILM: King Ralph (1991).
2.00	The Voice Kids. The junior version of the singing talent contest reaches its third round. (R)
3.30	Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup. Germany v Cameroon (Kick-off 4.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of both teams' third and final Group B encounter, held at Fisht Olympic Stadium in Sochi.
6.10	ITV News and Weather.
6.20	FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014). The superhero battles a foe with electrical powers, while an old friend presents an even greater threat. Action adventure sequel, with Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone.
9.00	The Loch. Smilie holds a press conference to calm the public and bury rumours, but Blake disrupts his plans by revealing recent grisly discoveries and sharing his fears of a serial killer.
10.00	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.20	Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. Allegra Stratton presents a guide to the latest issues on social media. (R)
11.15	Lethal Weapon. A murder involving a high-school football phenomenon draws Riggs and Murtaugh into the lucrative – and corrupt – world of college recruiting. (R)
12.15	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Motorsport UK. Richard John Neil presents action from Thruxton, featuring races in the Ginetta Junior Championship and F4 British Championship.
3.50	British Superbike Championship Highlights. Action from the fourth meeting of the season at Knockhill, which was scheduled to feature two races. Presented by James Haydon, with commentary by Jack Burnicle and James Whitham.
4.40	ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05	The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4	
6.10	3rd Rock from the Sun. Sally and Harry babysit a new alien mistakenly sent to Earth. (R)
6.35	3rd Rock from the Sun. Dick and Don invest in a timeshare. (R)
7.00	Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie tries to put Amy in her place. (R)
7.25	Everybody Loves Raymond. Michael stays home from school. (R)
7.55	Frasier. Part one of two. A romantic dilemma troubles Frasier. (R)
8.25	Frasier. Part two of two. The shrink contemplates ending his relationship with Claire. (R)
8.55	Frasier. A chirping cricket annoys Frasier. (R)
9.25	Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley. Jasmine and Melissa prepare healthy party food.
10.00	Sunday Brunch. With Esther Rantzen, Arthur Davill and Edgar Wright.
1.00	Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Build-Up. Previewing the eighth round of the season.
1.35	Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Baku City Circuit (Start-time 2.00pm).
4.10	Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Reaction. A review of the eighth round of the season.
5.00	Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber. The mechanic explores the last functioning Vulcan bomber. (R)
6.35	Channel 4 News.
7.00	Grand Designs. Boat enthusiast James Strangeways invites Kevin McCloud to follow progress on his ship-themed home, which was designed to stand on stilts over a marsh by his architect nephew. (R)
8.00	Great Canal Journeys: India. Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river, where they follow an old trade route, meet a community of monks and take a ride on an elephant.
9.00	The Handmaid's Tale. Offred receives a surprising proposition from Serena Joy that brings back memories of her marriage.
10.10	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Joe Lycett and Michelle Wolf join regulars Jon Richardson and Sean Lock for the words-and-numbers game, with Adam Riches in Dictionary Corner. Hosted by Jimmy Carr. (R)
11.15	FILM: The Last Days on Mars (2013). Astronauts on a mission to Mars find evidence of life on the red planet, but the discovery threatens all their lives. Sci-fi horror, with Liev Schreiber and Elias Koteas.
1.10	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R)
2.00	The Last Leg. A comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R)
2.55	KOTV Boxing Weekly.
3.25	Gillette World Sport.
3.50	Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. The expert helps three Essex owners give their homes a ready-to-market makeover.
4.45	Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R)
5.05	Location, Location, Location. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake!: Pip Ahoy! 6.10 Mr Men 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.30 Peppa Pig 6.35 Wissper 6.40 Paw Patrol 6.55 Bob the Builder 7.05 Fireman Sam 7.20 Olly the Little White Van 7.25 Olly the Little White Van 7.30 Paw Patrol 7.40 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.05 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.20 Wissper 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 Shimmer and Shine 9.10 Little Princess 9.25 Peppa Pig 9.35 Peppa Pig 9.45 Peppa Pig 9.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.10	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Don Vizio plans to wipe out all the mutants in New York. (R)
10.45	The Gadget Show. George Barrat sees how well technology has served Monkey Tree FC. (R)
11.30	Police Interceptors. A rookie police dog chases a burglar through Middlesbrough. (R)
12.30	Police Interceptors. Two officers use their Tasers to help arrest a knife-wielding teenager. (R)
1.25	FILM: Jack and the Beanstalk (2010). Fantasy adventure, starring Colin Ford.
3.10	FILM: Did You Hear about the Morgans? (2009). Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker.
5.15	FILM: Made of Honor (2008). Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan.
7.00	Cricknet on 5. England v South Africa. Action from the third T20 international of the three-match series, which took place at The SSE SWALEC in Cardiff.
8.00	That's So 1994. The events of 1994, when the Church of England ordained its first female priests, the first UK National Lottery draw took place, and the Channel Tunnel opened. (R)
8.55	5 News Weekend.
9.00	Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.05	OMG! My Barbie Body. New series. Documentary series about people who have undergone extreme cosmetic surgery, beginning with three women who have tried to turn themselves into Barbie dolls.
11.00	FILM: Role Models (2008). After a brush with the law, two irresponsible men have to look after troubled kids as community service. Comedy, with Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plasse.
1.00	SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10	Our Dream Hotel. Alex Polizzi helps two London hoteliers setting up business in Devon. (R)
4.00	Britain's Greatest Bridges. The Clifton Suspension Bridge. (R)
4.50	Great Artists. The life and work of Giotto di Bondone. (R)
5.15	Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. Otto forgets to feed the class guinea pigs. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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Today's Passat is the eighth generation in a line of vehicles renowned for practicality and reliability

Excellent estate car from Volkswagen

By Graham Breeze

VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT ESTATE SE BUSINESS, 2.0 LITRE

The trend might well be switching away from estate cars to increasingly popular SUV alternatives but Volkswagen sales of the Passat continue to rise.

And after a week behind the wheel of the Passat Estate SE Business 2.0 litre TDi it's easy to see why it's still proving particularly popular and a genuine option for business and fleet customers in particular.

The estate accounts for 57% of Passat sales in the UK and the comprehensively equipped SE Business leads the way offering much better levels of refinement than its main opposition in the sector and narrowing the gap on the prestige brands which still lead the way.

Today's Passat Estate is the eighth generation in a line of vehicles renowned for practicality and reliability.

There's been an estate version since the first generation was launched back in the 1970s, but the current model has a lot more competition.

Mainstream opposition comes from Ford Mondeo, Mazda 6 and Vauxhall Insignia Sports Tourer but as the model has moved up market there's now new opponents in the shape of BMW 3-Series and Mercedes C-Class, not to mention in-house challenges from Audi A4 Avant and Skoda Superb Estate.

Smartly styled and well built, the

Passat comes with a comfortable interior that can easily rival more expensive cars. And it's bigger than previous models, too, offering an enormous boot and plenty of space for three rear passengers.

In fact there's so much room with the rear seats folded flat you could do spare-time work for the local undertaker.

But it's not just space and practicality keeping the Passat ahead of the opposition. With a top speed of 134mph, 0-62mph in 8.9seconds, CO2 emissions of 119g/km and combined fuel consumption of over 60mpg this Volkswagen ticks most of the boxes.

Thanks to its innovative light design the current Passat is up to 85kg lighter than the previous model despite its longer wheelbase and additional interior space, helping a 14% improvement in fuel consumption figures.

You won't find a petrol option in the diesel-only range which contains a 1.6, 120 PS, 2.0 litre with 150 or 190PS, plus a range-topping 2.0 litre turbo with 240PS, DSG and four-wheel-drive.

Seven trim levels are available all offering a high level of standard features including post-collision braking system and misfueling prevention.

You get front assist, adaptive cruise control, pre-crash system,

driver profile selection, front and rear parking sensors and a superb navigation system on the test car aimed particularly at the business user.

New features include Car-Net Guide and Inform; Internet connection via smartphone which allows key information such as traffic problems and weather to be accessed via the colour touchscreen infotainment system.

You get predictive pedestrian protection, traffic jam assist, emergency assist which keeps the vehicle in a straight line and trailer assist which automatically steers your caravan into the tightest positions – if you have the confidence that is.

You can expect to pay just over £28,000 for that package but the test car came stacked with extras that pushed the price tag up to a scary £38,780.

For the extra money you get a top quality voice-controlled Sat Nav system, which will take you weeks to master; climate control, heated steering wheel, winter pack, dynamic chasis control, tyre pressure sensor, an electric tow bar, better alloys, a superb head-up display, LED premium headlights, laminated safety glass and advanced telephone connectivity.

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64 CITROEN DS3 STYLE Plus HDI Convertible, Deep Plum Metallic, Alloys, Low Mileage must be seen.....	08 HONDA CRV 2.0 ES V-Tec AUTO, Red.....
11 FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC Black.....	09 CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDI Enterprise, Blue.....
60 VW JETTA SE TDI 140, Black Service History.....	04 RENAULT KANGOO TREKKA 4x4.....
07 BMW 116 ISE 77k, Service History.....	SOLD
06 BMW X3 2.0 DIESEL Black.....	03 PEUGEOT PARTNER QUIKSILVER MPV.....
61 VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2 Red, lady ownerOnly.....	SOLD
60 SEAT LEON SE CR TDI ECO, Silver, Diesel.....	02 HONDA CRV 2.0, Silver.....
60 VAUXHALL CORSA Ecoflex Silver, 35K.....	£5175
59 CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDI Diesel, Cheap Road Tax.....	09 FIAT PUNTO, Black.....
09 FIAT 500 POP 1.2, White.....	£1995
58 CITROEN C3 RHYTHM 1.4 HDI Diesel, Black.....	06 FORD MONDEO TITANIUM Diesel, High Mileage.....
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Here's a car that wants to be noticed in a good way

Micra transformed into mighty atom

By Ian Donaldson

The last Nissan Micra deserved not to sell well because it really wasn't much good.

So, it might seem brave to keep the name for this latest version, until you drive it.

Actually, you don't need to slip inside a new Micra to witness the transformation.

Here is a car whose dramatic contours make the old one look like a primary school student's doodle. Add some orange paint as an extra – and top it up with the same colour splashed around the interior – and here is a car that wants to be noticed, in a good way.

You sense Nissan must have been stung by reaction to the previous car; so put out that this time it had got to get it right.

And it has. Here is a small family hatch absolutely ready again to mix it with the best tiddlers out there, from VW Polo to Ford Fiesta. You couldn't have said that a year ago.

Dig deeper than those standout looks (with concealed handles for the rear doors adding to a coupe-like feel) and you discover a car that makes you look forward to the next drive. Not so many do that.

You can enjoy most of the new Micra's fun factor from £11,995, which starts the range off with a 998cc petrol engine but the clever money is on a smaller 898cc unit that actually produces more power and is nicer to drive – and costs from £13,915.

Swing up to the top of the range and you discover the test car, resplendent in extra cost orange inside and out and powered by a Nissan-derived 1.5 litre diesel engine.

That adds a hefty £1,330 to the price and won't be a sensible choice for most Micra owners, who do modest mileages and wouldn't recoup the extra investment in improved economy.

For those few who spend great tracts of their time at the wheel the diesel's economy will seduce – driving briskly couldn't force the dash readout below 66mpg and a touch of restraint soon sent it over 70mpg.

Whichever engine is doing the work, the new Micra feels alert and nimble, the sort of car a deeply un-techie owner will enjoy driving even if they don't know why (it's the way it turns crisply into corners, should you ask).

There's a big, deep boot but the rear seat, with seatbelts for three, is a snug fit if the front row pair are pushed too far back.

This most expensive model comes with good looking 17 ins alloy wheels but their low profile tyres make the

NISSAN MICRA TEKNA 1.5 DCI 90, £18,765



Dramatic contours make the old Micra look like a doodle



There's extra colour inside to make it stand out

ride choppy over badly maintained surfaces. The smaller wheels (and more resilient tyres) of lesser versions ought to make things smoother.

But dismiss the practicalities for a moment. The £575-worth of Energy Orange metallic paint and another £400 for an orange interior personalisation pack turned a handsome car into a real looker.

People who have no interest in cars (shockingly, there are some) said how smart the car looked, inside and out. That happens with the odd Bentley on test but rarely on something in the Micra's orbit.

The Tekna grade test car came dripping with kit, from sat nav and air con and heated front seats to a Bose sound system with two speakers in the driver's seat headrest (yes, really) and rear view camera and parking sensors. Like every new Micra it also has a

safety pack that's an option in some other countries but let's the car score a top five star safety rating when fitted. Included is emergency braking that detects pedestrians ahead – or in one instance put the brakes on when frightened by a warning bollard on a country road corner.

AT A GLANCE

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Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	8	7	0	1	0	149
Knowle & D.	8	6	0	2	0	142
Berkswell	8	5	0	3	0	137
Omberley	8	5	0	3	0	108
Kenilworth W	8	4	1	3	0	102
WB Dartmouth	8	3	1	4	0	94
Walsall	8	2	1	5	0	91
Dorridge	8	2	0	5	0	91
Wolverhampton	8	1	3	3	0	67
Barn Green	8	1	2	5	0	63
Kidderminster	8	1	1	6	0	56
Brockhampton	8	1	1	5	0	49

Division One

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Moseley	8	5	0	2	0	127
Shifnal	8	5	0	2	0	119
Barnards Green	8	4	1	3	0	109
Smethwick	8	4	1	2	0	108
Tarnworth	8	4	0	3	0	107
Himley	8	4	0	3	0	107
Bromsgrove	8	4	0	3	0	97
Bridgnorth	8	3	1	4	0	93
Walsley	8	2	0	4	0	89
Wellington	8	2	0	4	0	78
Leamington	8	1	1	5	0	59
Attok	8	1	1	5	0	55

Division Two

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Oswestry	8	7	0	0	0	1153
Fordhouses	8	6	0	2	0	134
Wombourne	8	4	0	3	0	108
C & R Hawks	8	4	0	3	0	108
Pershore	8	3	2	2	0	1101
Halesowen	8	3	1	4	0	88
Coventry & N.W.	8	3	2	2	0	84
Harborne	8	2	4	0	0	80
Old Elizabethans	8	2	0	5	0	80
Sutton Coldfield	8	1	2	3	0	78
Penkridge	8	1	2	3	0	71
Old Hill	8	1	1	5	0	56

Division Three

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Lichfield	8	5	0	2	0	1123
Stourbridge	8	5	0	2	0	1119
Sentinel	8	4	1	2	0	1115
Brewdow	8	4	1	3	0	1113
Stratford-Avon	8	4	0	3	0	1111
Newport	8	4	0	3	0	1108
Streely	8	4	0	3	0	1108
Astwood Bank	8	4	0	3	0	1102
Milford Hall	8	3	0	5	0	85
Handsworth	8	2	4	0	0	80
Worcs Nomads	8	2	0	5	0	61
Nuneaton	8	0	1	6	0	31

Second Teams

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	8	6	0	1	0	1142
Knowle & D.	8	5	0	2	0	1121
Walsley	8	5	0	2	0	1121
Shifnal	8	5	0	2	0	1114
Kenilworth W	8	4	1	2	0	1113
Leamington	8	4	1	2	0	1105
Sutton Coldfield	8	4	1	2	0	1102
Moseley	8	3	2	3	0	95
Himley	8	2	1	4	0	84
Astwood Bank	8	1	0	7	0	56
Brockhampton	8	1	1	6	0	51

Division One

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Attok	8	4	2	1	0	1125
Walsall	8	4	2	1	0	108
Berkswell	8	3	2	3	0	105
Omberley	8	4	1	2	0	105
Coventry & N.W.	8	4	1	2	0	102
WB Dartmouth	8	4	1	2	0	102
Barn Green	8	4	0	3	0	101
Old Elizabethans	8	3	2	2	0	93
Bromsgrove	8	3	2	2	0	91
Smethwick	8	2	4	0	0	71
Tarnworth	8	1	5	0	0	68
Kidderminster	8	2	1	3	0	66

Division Two

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	8	8	0	0	0	1172
Fordhouses	8	4	2	2	0	1122
Penkridge	8	3	1	3	0	109
Oswestry	8	2	2	2	0	106
Bridgnorth	8	3	2	3	0	104
Newport	8	4	0	4	0	100
Milford Hall	8	3	2	3	0	95
Brewdow	8	3	2	3	0	94
Sentinel	8	3	1	4	0	92
C & R Hawks	8	3	0	4	0	89
Wellington	8	1	6	0	0	73
Lichfield	8	1	6	0	0	59

Division Two South

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Nuneaton	8	6	0	2	0	139
Wombourne	8	6	0	2	0	139
Old Hill	8	5	0	3	0	114
Pershore	8	5	0	3	0	113
Streely	8	4	1	3	0	108
Sutton Coldfield	8	4	1	3	0	104
Sentinel	8	3	1	4	0	92
C & R Hawks	8	3	0	4	0	89
Wellington	8	1	6	0	0	73
Lichfield	8	1	6	0	0	59

Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Whitchurch	8	6	1	0	0	1163
Worfield	8	6	1	0	0	1126
Ludlow	8	4	2	1	0	1123
Quatt	8	5	1	2	0	1020
Wem	8	4	3	0	0	1016
Newtown	8	4	0	4	0	1011
St Georges	8	2	2	3	0	83
Market Drayton	8	3	0	4	0	76
Shifnal	8	2	5	0	0	75
Frankton	8	1	2	5	0	58
Albrighton	8	0	6	0	0	28

Division 1

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Bomere Heath	8	6	2	0	0	1166
Cound	8	7	1	0	0	1164
Conderover	8	5	2	1	0	1118
Shelford	8	5	2	1	0	1115
Beacon	8	4	0	3	0	1112
Albany	8	2	2	3	0	97
Knockin & K.	8	2	2	2	0	97
Handsworth	8	1	0	6	0	49
Barnards Green	8	1	0	6	0	49
Albany	8	2	2	3	0	97
Knockin & K.	8	2	2	2	0	97
Handsworth	8	1	0	6	0	49
Barnards Green	8	1	0	6	0	49

Division 2

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Pontesbury	8	6	1	0	0	1154
Alcote	8	6	1	0	0	1139
Shifnal	8	5	2	1	0	1135
Ellesmere	8	4	1	2	0	1115
Whiston Aston	8	3	2	2	0	1110
Whiston	8	3	2	2	0	1100
Prees	8	3	2	2	0	90
Shrewsbury	8	2	1	3	0	85
Wellington	8	0	3	5	0	62
Bishops Castle	8	2	2	2	0	59
Church Aston	8	1	2	5	0	55
Church Stretton	8	1	1	6	0	53

Division 3

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Cae Glas	8	7	0	1	0	1154
Hodnet & P&T	8	5	2	1	0	1139
Harpers	8	5	1	1	0	1133
Iscoyd & FB	8	4	1	3	0	1120
Ludlow	8	4	0	3	0	1112
Calverhall	8	3	0	5	0	100
St Georges	8	3	0	5	0	100
Chum Wenlock	8	3	1	3	0	93
Trysul & Sealdon	8	2	2	4	0	81
Convedale	8	2	0	5	0	72
Acton Reynold	8	1	1	5	0	70

Division 4

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Bridgnorth	7	6	0	1	0	1136
Overton-on-Dee	7	4	3	0	0	1134
Alcote	7	5	1	2	0	1123
Hinstock	7	3	1	2	0	1108
Guisfield	7	4	1	2	0	1107
Quayside	7	3	1	3	0	90
Conall Hall	7	2	0	3	0	79
Landlides	7	2	0	3	0	73
Oswestry	7	1	0	5	0	31
Wrexham Grove	7	1	0	5	0	26
Harcourt	8	1	2	4	0	1

Second Teams

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Worfield	8	6	0	1	0	1156
Wem	8	6	1	0	0	1139
Frankton	8	5	0	2	0	1122
St Georges	8	3	3	2	0	1114
Shelford	8	3	2	2	0	112
Knockin & K.	8	2	2	2	0	107
Whitchurch	8	2	0	5	0	82
Cound	8	2	1	4	0	80
Wrexham Grove	8	2	1	4	0	80
Albany	8	2	2	3	0	75
Madeley	8	2	0	5	0	72
Quatt	8	1	1	4	0	65

Division 2

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
Beacon	8	6	1	0	0	1151
Montgomery	8	5	1	1	0	1146
Shifnal	8	5	1	1	0	1142
Bomere Heath	8	4	2	2	0	1129
Lillishall	8	4	2	2	0	1124
Wellington	8	4	1	2	0	1124
Newport	8	4	1	2	0	1124
Ludlow	8	4	1	2	0	1112
Willey	8	3	2	3	0	97
Handsworth	8	2	4	0	0	86
Albrighton	8	2	1	4	0	68
Newfown	8	1	2	4	0	47
Conderover	8	1	2	4	0	42
Iscoyd & FB	8	0	2	6	0	16

Division 3

Premier Division	P	W	D	T	A	P
St Georges	8	5	2	1	0	1137
Acton Reynold	8	4	3	1	0	1125
Beacon	8	4	1	3	0	1120
Shifnal	8	4	1	2	0	1114
Ellesmere	8	4	1	2	0	1113
Much Wenlock	8	4	1	2	0	1110
Cae Glas	8	3	1	2	0	98
Handsworth	8	2	4	0	0	86
Welshpool	8	2	1	4	0	79
Alcote	8	2	2	4	0	77
Bishop's Castle	8	2	0	6	0	73
Convedale	8	0	1	6	0	32

Sunday Division 1

.....	8	2	2	2	2	5
.....	8	2	1	4	1	79
.....	8	2	2	4	0	77
e.....	8	2	0	6	0	44
.....	8	0	1	6	1	32

**Sunday
Division 1**

	P	W	D	LC/A	P
.....	8	6	1	1	0142
.....	8	5	1	2	0131
.....	8	4	1	3	0131
.....	8	4	1	3	0120

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Whittington edged out as match ends all square

WHITTINGTON A remain in fifth spot in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one after failing to shrug off defending champions Ceiriog Valley A on home soil.

It ended all square at 5-5 after Ceiriog had gained the two extra points by winning the aggregate by 10 shots (143-133).

Aled Davies was again in fine form for Whittington as he notched his seventh victory in nine outings with a 21-14 card, while Mel Morris was the home side's best of the night after winning to 12.

LLANYMYNECH A, who had bagged nine points the week before, were halted at Flexsys as they slipped to a slender 7-3 defeat with just 11 shots separating the sides.

They slipped down a place to sixth, with Mark Kirkham their best of the night when winning 21-9 - his sixth win of the campaign. James Candlin continued his excellent season when prevailing to 13, to make it eight wins out of nine.

Being without a fixture, Chirk A lost pole position to Llangoollen A who ran out 8-2 (153-108) victors at home to CRIFTINS A to move four points clear at the top

Andrew Jones (21-9) and Mark Price (21-9) provided the two rep- lies for the visitors from Duddleston Heath.

Ruabon moved up to third courtesy of their 8-2 (148-110) home success against Johnstown B.

Results

Division one: Johnstown A 7 (155) Corwen A 3 (121), Ruabon A 8 (148) Johnstown B 2 (110), Flexsys A 4 (143) Llanymynech A 3 (132), Whittington A 5 (133) Ceiriog Valley A 5 (143), Llangoollen A 8 (153) Criftins A 2 (108). Free: Chirk A.

Division two: Ye Olde Crofte A 10 (168) Whittington B 0 (109), Church A 9 (165) George 1 (114), Criftins B 8 (162) Plas Kynaston A 2 (103), Weston Rhyn A 8 (164) Cymwyd A 2 (108), Llanyngrog A 7 (143) Llannaeadr A 3 (140), Ellesmere A 8 (156) Church B 2 (89).

Division three: Ceiriog Valley B 10 (168) Ellesmere B 0 (103), Llangoollen B 8 (161) Ceiriog Valley C 2 (130), Johnstown C 9 (150) Criftins C 1 (115), Fox Lane 3 (132) Black Lion 7 (150), Church C 4 (140), Johnstown D 6 (142), Bersham 8 (158) Chirk B 2 (119).

Division four: Llanyllin A 8 (159) Llanymynech B 2 (133), Llannaeadr C 5 (142) Llanyngrog C 5 (142), Whittington C 5 (139) Weston Rhyn C 5 (129), Plas Kynaston B 3 (146) Cymwyd B 7 (147), Ifton 5 (131) Overton B 5 (127), Ruabon B 9 (151) Llannaeadr D 1 (111).

Division five: Criftins D 7 (131) Weston Rhyn B 3 (114), Chirk C 6 (156) Criftins E 4 (140), Corwen B 7 (150) Whittington C 3 (111), Llannaeadr B 9 (166) Llanymynech C 1 (103), Johnstown E 2 (80) Pentre Broughton 8 (148), Church D 4 (140) Ye Olde Crofte B 6 (142).

Division six: Ponciau Park A 10 (168) Llannaeadr A 0 (69), Overton C 2 (113) Ponciau Park B 5 (146), Llanyllin B 7 (146) Church E 3 (95).

Home defeat sees Ifton in drop danger

TWO defeats in a week saw Ifton slip closer to basement trouble in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

Having slumped 11-3 (221-182) away to St Georges, the St Martins side followed it up with a disappointing 9-5 loss at home to Wrockwardine Wood, losing the aggregate by 16 shots (222-206).

It left them third from bottom in the table, and just eight points above basement side Bylet. They face a tricky trip to fourth placed Newport on Friday night as they seek to revive their fortunes.

Geraint Williams chalked up the best result of the night for Ifton when overcoming Phil Clee 21-10, while skipper Dicky Jones was a 21-12 victory against Dan Taylor.

Sam Williams was a 21-16 winner, while the hosts' other two successes came from Nicky Jones (21-18) and Brian Hayes (21-19).

Stuart Rutter produced the best performance for Wrockwardine Wood when notching the only single figure win of the night when winning to nine.

Two days before, Ifton slumped 11-3 (221-182) away to St Georges in a rearranged encounter.

Martin Jones and Sam Williams were the night's best winners for the St Martins side with 21-10 victories, while the only other success came through Nicky Jones (21-12).

Win No 8 just great for on-song Riley

ANDREW Riley maintained his winning ways as Weston Rhyn A moved top of the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two with an 8-2 (164-108) beating of Cynwyd A.

The undefeated Riley was his side's biggest winner of the night when coming through 21-4, making it wins out of eight. Richard Oakley and Derek Taylor also both pulled off single figure wins to nine.

Another player in unstopppable form is Steve Williams who reeled off his 10th successive win as CHURCH A moved to within one point of the leaders with a 9-1 romp against GEORGE.

Williams (21-8) was the best of the night as second placed Church emerged winners by 51 shots (165-114), Brian Canlett also prevailing 21-12 while John Hughes (21-18) notched the sole win for lowly

George.

ELLESMERE A stayed in touching distance of the pacesetters as they overcame CHURCH B 8-2 (156-89) with Doug McCoy and Mike Edwards both proving too hot to handle in winning to three. Glensy Jones and Dave Milner got the Church replies to 14 and 16 respectively.

Fifth placed LLANRHAEDR A went down 7-3 at Llanyngog A in a nip and tuck affair, with the hosts taking the aggregate by just three shots (134-140). Neil Jones kept Llan in the hunt with a 21-7 verdict.

CRIFTINS B cemented mid-table after their 8-2 (162-109) home win over Plas Kynaston A 2, Kath Pritchard leading he way to nine.

BLACK LION kept in touching distance of the

leaders in division three with a fine 7-3 (150-132) success on their travels to FOX LANE. Karl Adams led the way 21-10, Alex Jones also winning 21-11 while Ben Parkes was the best of the replies to 11. The Lion are six points off the pace in fifth position

ELLESMERE B remain rooted to the foot of the table after their 10-0 (168-103) drubbing away to basement rivals Ceiriog Valley B.

Despite a 21-14 win from Tony Dart, his seventh victory of the campaign, CHURCH C were edged out 6-4 at home to Johnstown D who took the shots by two (142-140).

Second placed IFTON were held 5-5 (131-127) at home to Overton B in division four, Curtis Metcalfe their best of the night by winning to six to maintain

Former Swan Tom flies in to boost TNS

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

TOM Holland, a former Swansea City midfielder, has joined The New Saints ahead of next week's UEFA Champions League opener.

The 20-year-old started his career at Bradford City and also had a spell in the youth set-up at Leeds United.

The Republic of Ireland under-19 international then spent the latter part of his career to date with Swansea City's development squad.

He was promoted to the first team bench for an EFL Trophy tie at Wimbledon last August, but never made a first team start.

Holland also spent time on-loan with Eastleigh Borough last year and with AFC Fylde this January.

TNS have also promoted under-16 Ben Clark to the European squad.

■ The goals flowed as The New Saints cantered to a comfortable 12-1 friendly win over lower league outfit Brickfield Rangers at Park Hall.

The Welsh Premier League high fliers preparing for this month's Champions League qualifier, rang the changes in their latest workout - with no fewer than seven players getting on the score-sheet.

And they were always in charge as they took the lead through Tom Holland in the 10th minute before Alex Darlington doubled the lead with a neat finish.

Wes Fletcher slotted in a third on 26 minutes, Darlington added his second on the half hour from outside the box before Fletcher struck again from Adrian Cieslewicz's pass to make it 5-0 at half time.

Despite making eight changes at the break, the second half continued in similar vein as TNS called the tune through their slick movement against the Welsh National League visitors.

Greg Draper was the next to find the net four minutes into the second period after fine work from Simon Spender before Robbie Parry made it 7-0 on 58 minutes when curling his shot into the net.

An eighth goal arrived a minute later as Ryan Brobbel found the net when latching onto Parry's pass, before quickly making it a brace from close range on 61 minutes.

Scott Quigley then took the tally into double figures on 65 minutes after terrific play down the right from Ben Clarke, before Kev Breeze pulled

Elite star Rhys proving a big hit



Team Elite triumph (from left) Stephen Andrews, Rhys Butler, Mick Broster and Rich Cosgrove

RISING teenage star Rhys Butler showed his credentials with a terrific victory over Tom Staerke at the UK Fighting Championships in Preston.

Representing Team Elite in Oswestry, the 19-year-old has a bright future in the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) community and was not overawed at facing a more experienced fighter in Staerke who had just turned 30.

Both fighters came out cautiously with Staerke using his leg kicks but was taken down by Butler with a single leg takedown.

Butler continued to dominate on top from the ground, looking

for submission opportunities while his opponent defended well.

The second round started more cautiously with both fighters keeping their distance.

Staerke came in with a combination but again Butler took him down hard to the canvas and again dominated the ground game until the end of the round.

Both fighters came out more aggressive for the third round, with Staerke connecting with a high kick and combination punches but Butler defended well.

Another well timed takedown by Butler then saw the fight go to the ground before ending when

the Oswestry fighter secured a rear naked choke on Staerke making him tap out.

Two other fighters from Team Elite were on the card that night with Ollie Morris - who was defending his title against Stephen Hooper - losing to Hooper by submission, while Jacob Trueman lost to Joe Lyons by TKO on his debut.

All fighters would like to thank all of their coaches who helped them prepare for the competition.

To find out more about Team Elite go online at elite-martial-arts.net or contact Rich Cosgrove on 07970-856002.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLE PARK

Men's Captain's Day: Gary Owen 32pts (cb); Tony Davies 32pts; Andy Patterson 31pts. Nearest the Pin: Terry Gleave. Longest Drive: Tony Meehan.

Dave Salter 9 Hole Cup: Mark Pritchard 21pts; Alan Richards 20pts; D S Jones 19pts (cb).

Ladies' Lady Captain's Day: Viv Davies 36pts; Di Edwards 32pts; Dawn Lawlor 29pts. Nearest the Pin: Ellie Potts. Longest Drive: Viv Davies.

Medal & Ritchie Salver: Kathy Evans nett 80; Anne Marie Stott nett 83.

Seniors' Medal Division 1: Andy Patterson 69pts; Chris Andrews 70pts (cb); Division 2: Gordon Cummings 75pts; Cyril Baldwin 76pts.

HILL VALLEY

Bateman Salvors Winners: Dickie Wynn & Dawn Minshall 38pts. Runners Up: Keith Jones & Brenda Siertsema 37pts.

President's Day (Emerald) White Tees - Presidents Putter Winner: Josh Barlow 40pts (12); C Edwards 39pts (13); P Everton 38pts (06). Yellow Tees: G Sargent 42pts (18); W Lyman 42pts (22); J Wood 41pts (23).

Stableford & Chronicle Cup Qualifier: C Huxley 41pts; C Beddows 40pts; N Spencer 39pts.

Ladies' Coronation Foursomes (Emerald): S Tamura & S Coupe 39pts (11); S Tamura & C Pickering 37pts (21); S Lockett & S Wynn 34 pts (22).

Presidents Day (Emerald): C Ellwood 37pts (22); C Williams 37pts (15); I Stiles 36 pts (30).

MILE END

Sunday 9 Hole Social: Jenny Cattaneo, Jim Reilly, Robbie Grocott, 42pts; Di Bradbury, Mike Tisdale, Peter Bailey 42pts; Alex Boyd, Barry Lingard, Janice Turner 42pts.

June Medal Division 1: Dave Smith 75-8-67; Steve Daniels 75-8-67; Bob Sharpe 78-11-5. Division 2: Alan Howler 81-8-64; Alan Stanbie 80-14-66; Shaun Holloway 87-17-70; Division 3: John Roberts 92-28-64; Pete Beck-ett 87-21-66; Michael Tisdale 92-23-69. Nearest the Pin: Erman MacCabe 78cm.

Wednesday 9 Hole Social: Jez Haer 22pts; John Parry 21pts; Shaun Holloway 21pts.

OSWESTRY

Open Spring Mixed Greensome: J Mike Jones & Margaret Lynch (Oswestry) 72-6-2-65-8; Paul Fell & Debbie Fell (Carden Park) 86-18-68; David Hodgson & Ann Hodgson (Boston) 88-19-4-68-6; Guy Wilson & Sandy Wilson (Oswestry) 81-12-2-88-8; Barrie Whit-taker & Bette Whittaker (Stone) 91-21-4-69-6.

Veterans' Cup: Stan Challenger 40; Jim Youens 38; George Mackenzie 37 (cb); Fred Aspinall 37 (cb); Keith Probert 37; Chris Dunbar 36 (cb).

Ladies' Lady Captain's Day Individual Medal Flag Competition - Lady Captain's Prize: Sarah Weaver 95-29-72. Best Gross: Judith Thornell 85 Gross. Silver Division: Margaret Dunbar 92-19-73; Anne Colquhoun 93-19-74. Bronze Division: Alma Barker 103-2-74; Barbara Warner 102-27-75. Upper Bronze: Setsuko Watanabe 111-34-77. J u d y Foster 113-35-78. Past Captain's Prize: Margaret Broden 98-22-76. Granny's Prize: Jean Ferris 101-25-76.

9 Holes Members Competition: Elenor Gooding; Anita Brock. Nearest The Pin (on 4th): Margaret Landgrebe. In 10cm. Nearest the Line: Elsa Gwilt, Sue Evans, Margo Gittins.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 18 Hole Stableford Division 1: Beryl Hitchin 35pts; Mo Griffiths 33pts; Hilary Fowles 31pts; Division 2: Pat Turner 36pts; Mary Saul 34pts; Jane Fryer 31pts; Division 3: Sheila Evans 31pts; Mair Harris 29pts; Elaine Adams (1) 27pts.

THE BROW

4 W's Cup: Paul Shaw 37pts; Ed Davies 36 (on back 9); Peter Morris 36; John Williams 34; Brian Stuttard 33 (on back 9); Peter Fairbank 33.

Town secure services of two signings

TWO more recruits have joined FC Oswestry Town for next season - central midfielder Jamie Price and goalkeeper Mike Jones.

Both arrive having played in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with Mold Alex last season, and brings the number of new signings to nine.

With nine players staying from last season, joint managers Richard Williams-Cooke and Ryan Butcher are still looking for four more to make for a 22-man squad which they feel will be competitive in the North West Counties League division one.

"We're delighted with the players we've brought in, but you never know how it's going to go until the season starts," said Butcher. "But we feel we need a 22-man squad to work with in this league."

Town, who have been back in training for a couple of weeks, play their first friendly at home to the Liver Academy on Saturday, July 1. The league season starts on Saturday, August 12.

Meanwhile, FC Oswestry have been drawn away to Sandbach United in the first round of the North West Counties division one cup. The winners of the tie will host Eccleshall in the second round.

In another cup draw, Town will have home advantage against Chad-derton in the first round of the league's Macron Cup. Eccleshall will again await the winners, this time away.

Young Jack still leads the way in time trial



Paragon junior rider Jack Young

ROUND six of the Oswestry Paragon time trial series saw another great turnout of 45 riders with the Friday night events at Queens Head proving to be a popular attraction for local cyclists.

There was a new name at the top of the leaderboard with Harri James of Didecot Phoenix CC crossing the line in 21 minutes 21 seconds putting him ahead of Revolutions Racing regular Stuart Proctor who finished in 21.50.

In third place was another regular, Simon Lewis of NFTO, who produced his best time of the year so far finishing in 22.18 putting him just ahead of Paramount CRT's Gary Duncan (22.38) and Fibrax-Wrexham rider David Spencer (22.48). Colin Elgie of Marches CC took sixth in 22.51, ahead of Oli Blake of OOTri (23.19).

This week it was Tom Richardson who was fastest of the Paragon riders recording a season best time of 23.31, and there was also a quickest time of the year so far for Neil Coles (24.03).

There are some closely matched Paragon riders this year with Rob Kerr (24.26), Jolyon Henry (24.32), Glyn Jones (24.41), Jack Morris (24.46), Chris Evans (22.47) and Andrew Davies (24.n54) all getting under the 25-minute mark.

Ellie Russell of SportCity Velo was fastest of the junior riders clocking an impressive 24.41 putting her ahead of Ryan Greaves of MSW (24.56).

Jack Young continued to build up his lead in the junior series finishing in 26.19. Ceris Eslava was quickest of the senior ladies with a time of 25.36 putting her ahead of Paramount CRT team-mate Louise Woodvine (28.48) and Elizabeth Breeze of Oswestry Paragon (30.16).

Friday June 23 sees the Paragon hold their annual 19-mile hilly where riders face the climb up The Brow as a trip to Ellesmere and back is added on to the usual course. The usual 10 mile event runs as well for riders preferring a shorter distance.

Ellesmere's batsmen in day to forget

ELLESMERE'S challenge in the Henshalls Shropshire League division two suffered a jolt after being downed by seven wickets in a low scoring affair against Pontesbury.

Put in to bat, they were shot out for just 85 in 29.3 overs, Aaron Clegg providing the main resistance with 22 not out late on while Andy Morgan did most of the damage for Pontesbury with 5-22 off eight overs.

It was always going to be tough to defend a low total, and so it proved as Owen Morris (34) and Matthew Hartshorn (24) guided their side to the modest target. The Meresiders picked up just two points.

ELLESMERE II stayed in sight of the leaders in the 2nd XI League division three with a crushing 102-run win away to Allscott III.

Openers Troy Newton (53) and Mike Lewis (48) laid the foundations before both were run-out, and Nigel Davies maintained the momentum with an unbeaten 68 as the Meresiders piled up 219-4 in their 40 overs.

The bowlers then did the job as Allscott were dismissed for 117 in 34 overs in reply. Newton rounded off a good game with 4-27 and Bradley Chapman took 2-40.

Dragons put to sword as Glas march on

CAE Glas cemented their position at the top of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division three with a resounding 125-run win over St Georges at Gatacre.

After being invited to bat first, the league leaders capitalised on favourable conditions as they racked up a season's best 258-6 in 45 overs before dismissing their visitors for 133 in 31.5 overs.

Victory, courtesy of another excellent all round display, yielded 20 points that kept the Glas 15 points clear at the top.

Openers Andy Griffiths (62) and Ian Holgate (35) put the home side on course for a challenging total with an enterprising first wicket stand.

Skipper George Candler kept up the good work with 45 before being run out, while Gary Davies struck an unbeaten 52 as the Glas closed on a challenging 258-6 in the sunshine.

St Georges were soon on the back foot after los-

ing three early wickets before Jordan Carr (38) and Lewis Davies (55) stopped the rot.

However, after their demise, the rest of the innings folded for 133, off spinner Nick Broadbent taking 4-27 while there were two wickets apiece for Gaz Edgerton (2-13) and Matthew Coulson (2-24).

Meanwhile, two days before Cae Glas bowed out of the League's Junior Slam after suffering an emphatic 101-run defeat away to Iscoyd & Fenns Bank.

They struggled to put the shackles on the home batsmen who racked up an imposing 202-5 in their 20 overs, opener Tom Wynne the mainstay with an unbeaten 93 while there were two wickets for Shaun Southern (2-39).

A flurry of early wickets ended Glas' realistic hopes of challenging for the target, but Gary Davies' 38 and 25 from Peter Bowyer at least helped take the total to three figures at 101-6 in 20 overs.

Tom Lea was the most economical of the Fenns

Bank bowlers, conceding just three runs off his three overs while also picking up two wickets.

CAE GLAS II endured a tough day in the sun as they slipped to a

130-run defeat away to St Georges IV in the Shropshire 2nd XI League division three

The home side may hay as they played their shots right from the start, with the ball regularly disappearing to the boundary across the lightning fast outfield.

However, they gave chances with wickets falling regularly including two run outs, and a stumping and a superb catch from Andy Kemp behind the stumps who leaped to take the ball in front of the vacant first slip area.

Matt Edwards also took a fine catch, but the hosts totalled 223 in only 34 overs, with Simon Dean taking 3-26 and Nathan Bartram 2-29.

In reply, Cae Glas started steadily, but the fast

Flying Fynn hits his fourth ton in victory

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

HIGH-FLYING Oswestry showed their battling qualities as they made it seven wins out of seven completed games in the Birmingham Cricket League division two with a hard-fought 35-run success at Penkridge.

In a game in which the Morda Road side seemed second-best for much of the time, prolific Warrick Fynn batted right through the Oswestry innings for an unbeaten 107 – his fourth century of the season, and a score which took him to 686 runs for the year at an average of 137.20.

And Pakistani paceman Sadaf Hussain then took centre stage, picking up 7-50 to wipe out a Penkridge innings which had seemed on course for victory.

“Warrick can do no wrong at the moment,” said skipper Robbie Clarke. “And Sadaf shows the value of having someone in the team who can blow away the opposition's lower order.

“We weren't at our best as a team on Saturday, that's for sure. But it's the type of game we would have lost last year – as far as I'm concerned, that shows how far we've come.”

Fynn and Joe Carrasco – both of whom were called up to the Shropshire side to play Herefordshire at Whitechurch in a three-day game – weathered the early storm, putting on 59 before Carrasco was caught at slip for 31.

The next five Oswestry wickets fell cheaply, and it was left to No 9 Charlie Morris to give Fynn some support. Morris hit 33 in a ninth-wicket stand of 65 before he was bizarrely run out going for a fifth run, and Oswestry closed on 224-8 from their 55 overs.

Hussain took two early wickets when Penkridge replied, but the home side seemed on course for victory when they reached 146-3 – with star batsman Rana Hussan going well.

The introduction of Fynn to the attack slowed Penkridge down, and Hussain then returned with a devastating spell. In seven overs, he took a further 5-16 to reduce the innings to 175-9.

Maximum points

And ex-skipper Mark Robinson bowled last man Kevin Baker in the 53rd over, to see Oswestry to maximum points.

OSWESTRY II's last pair of Sam Davies and Graham Roberts kept Penkridge II at bay to earn a losing draw in a Morda Road run feast in the Birmingham League 2nd XI League division two (North). Davies scored 49 not out and Roberts finished 8no to see Oswestry through to 260-9 at the close – a brave effort in pursuit of the visitors' huge total of 290-5.

After Darron Humphreys had been dismissed for a duck at the start of Oswestry's reply, there came good contributions from Steve Humphreys (41), Matt Whitthread (32), Nick Williams (26), Owen Johnson (26) and Owen Aspinall (23) – but no-one could hang around to make the big innings which might have made a difference.

The stand-out performer on the day was Penkridge all-rounder Richard James, who scored 106 and then took 7-68. James and Atta Chishti (91) shared a double century opening stand.

OSWESTRY III went down by 50 runs to Quayside at Oswestry School to remain in the lower reaches of the Shropshire League division four. The visitors reached 210-4 in their 40 overs, Dave Shaw and Dan Graham both hit 34 in Oswestry's reply, but the innings fell short on 160 all out.

OSWESTRY IV put up a brave fight before going down by just nine runs at Madeley IV in the Shropshire Sunday League division two.

Makeley batted first and made 175, and Oswestry were bowled out for 165 in reply – despite 54 from Iwan Roberts, 36 by Max Payne and 34 by Matty Davies.

Knockin on back foot in defeat



Knockin and Kinnerley's Jamie Jagger runs in to bowl to top-scorer Adam Vanner at Bomere Heath and (below) Liam Tucker in action at the Shrewsbury-based club. ■ Pics: Richard Dawson.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY failed to put the brakes on unbeaten Bomere Heath as they suffered a 96-run loss away to the Henshalls Shropshire League division one leaders.

Opting to bat first in sweltering conditions, Bomere racked up 247-7 in 45 overs, opener Adam Vanner hitting 70 after forming a century first wicket stand with Australian Travis Keys (40). Rob Dean also weighed in with 41 while Matty Evans took 2-49.

Knockin were soon on the back foot in reply, losing both openers with just 12 runs on the board before Steven Gray steadied the ship with 31.

Carl Morris also chipped in with 24, but the innings fell away to 151 in 37.3 overs, leaving the visitors with just five points to show for their efforts.

FRANKTON'S basement worries continue to grow in the Shropshire League premier division after succumbing by 68 runs to title chasing Worfield at Hardwick Park.

Put in to bat, Worfield profited to the tune of 251-8 off 50 overs, with opener Piers Rouwenhorst (53) and Harvey Sage (51) making half centuries, before some late hitting by wicketkeeper Bryn Simmons (69) helped lift the total.

Stuart Lammie and Archie Dickinson both picked up two wickets.



Although Scott Hale struck 45 in reply, Frankton fell short on 183 all out in 44 overs, Jacob Northwood the next highest contributor with 27 not out at No9. Will Weir picked up 3-35 for the visitors, with Frankton finishing with six points.

Tom Cockayne led the way as **FRANKTON II** turned up the heat in the Shropshire 2nd XI League division one by notching a seven wicket triumph over leaders Worfield II.

In soaring temperatures, Frankton found themselves in the field after losing the toss, but

responded with a fine bowling display to dismiss their hosts for 167 in 26.3 overs.

Cockayne was particularly impressive, picking up 6-27 as the home innings fell away after useful knocks from Lewis Rollason (35) and Calum Hill (34).

Opener Danny Evans got the Frankton reply off to a good start with 45, before Sam Todd smashed an unbeaten 75, with four sixes and 10 fours, to clinch the victory in style with time to spare.

Frankton are now up to second in the table.

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixture list at weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Brosley v Madeley; Quatt v Market Drayton; Ludlow v Whitechurch; Albrighton v Frankton; Worfield v Wern; St Georges v Newtown.

Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley v Lilleshall; Montgomery v Wroxeter Grove; Cound v Forton; Shelton v Welshpool; Beacon v Bomere Heath; Condo-ver v Alberbury.

Division Two

Church Aston v Church Stretton; Allscott v Willey; Pontesbury v Wheaton Aston; Bishop's Castle v Wellington 3; Shrewsbury 3 v Prees; Shifnal 3 v Ellesmere.

Division Three

St Georges 3 v Corvedale; Chelmarsh v Acton Reynald; Harpers v Trysull & Seisdon; Ludlow 3 v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank; Hodnet, Pellow & Tibberton v Cae Glas (at Hodnet); Much Wenlock v Calverhal.

Division Four

Overton on Dee v Cotton Hall; Bridgnorth 3 v Hinstock; Llanidloes v Oswestry 3; Quayside v Wroxeter Grove 3; Guilsfield v Allscott 2.

Second Teams

Division One

Alberbury 2 v St Georges 2; Frankton 2 v Shelton 2; Madeley 2 v Knockin & Kinnerley 2; Wern 2 v Worfield 2; Whitechurch 2 v Cound 2; Wroxeter Grove 2 v Quatt 2.

Division Two

Market Drayton 2 v Condo-ver 2; Bomere Heath 2 v Beacon 2; Newtown 2 v Ludlow 2; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2 v Montgomery 2; Willey 2 v Albrighton 2; Lilleshall 2 v Pontesbury 2; Wellington 4 v Shifnal 4; Forton 2 v Brosley 2.

Division Three

Acton Reynald 2 v Quatt 3; Cae Glas 2 v Beacon 3; Corvedale 2 v St Georges 4; Ellesmere 2 v Much Wenlock 2; Lilleshall 4 v Allscott 3; Welshpool 2 v Bishops Castle 2.

Sunday

Sunday Division One

Wern 3 v Cound 3; Worfield 3 v Whitechurch 3; Wellington 5 v Sentinel 3; Newport 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3; Lilleshall 3 v Alberbury 3; Bomere Heath 3 v Frankton 3.

Sunday Division Two

Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Madeley 3; Bridgnorth 4 v Wellington 6; Market Drayton 3 v Pontesbury 3; Oswestry 4 v Shrewsbury 4; Madeley 4 v Ludlow 4.

Welshpool pull up short in run chase

WELSHPOOL came up short as they succumbed by 46 runs to Beacon at sun-drenched Maesydyre to slip below mid-table in the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

Chasing 154, a flurry of wickets at the start and end of the innings saw Pool sent back for 108 to pick up just five points.

The encounter had started promisingly as they won the toss and soon had their visitors from Shrewsbury under pressure.

But 49 from skipper David Howarth steadied the Beacon ship and Michael Turner's 25 late on helped lift the total to 154 all out in 39.2 overs. Mat McWhinnie picked up 2-29 and Rob Pangelly 2-32.

Welshpool soon lost both openers in reply, before Matthew Knight (29), Adam Knight (26) and Tom Anderson (22) gave the hosts some hope of a successful challenge.

However, from being 82-3, the rest of the innings soon folded for 108 in 25.4 overs with the loss of seven wickets for 26 runs. Jakob Woodhouse snared 4-14 for Beacon.

It was a better day for **WELSHPOOL II** who notched an exciting two wicket win at Beacon III to boost their prospects in the Shropshire 2nd XI League division three.

Beacon had posted a respectable 172 all out after electing to bat in the blistering heat. Rupert Medway snapped up 3-28 for Welshpool and Jordan Harding 3-24.

In reply, Pool edged over the line with Harding completing a fine all round game with 31 and Matthew Whitehouse making 26 while 33 extras also helped their cause.

MONTGOMERY are on the climb in the first division after notching a welcome five wicket win away at Lilleshall. The victory, their second of the season, lifted them to fourth from bottom, one place below Powys rivals Welshpool.

After electing to bat first, Lilleshall were bowled out for 150 in 40-1 overs, Aaron Ruff-Cock taking 3-27 and Alex Bromley 3-23, while there were two wickets apiece for opening bowlers James Corfield (2-13) and Joe Hayer (2-13).

Skipper Ruff-Cock then starred with the bat, hitting an unbeaten 67.



Oswestry want the same again

UNBEATEN Oswestry look to maintain their stunning start in the Birmingham Cricket League division two when they visit Pershore on Saturday (midday).

The Morda Road men have won all seven of their completed games this term after securing a 35-run success at Penkridge despite being below their best. That win kept them 19 points clear at the top from Fordhouses, but they will be looking for an improved showing in another tricky trip to fifth placed Pershore this weekend.

Oswestry were indebted to another century from opener Warrick Fynn, and a seven wicket haul from paceman Sadaf Hussain.

“Had it not been for those two, it was a game we would have lost comfortably,” admitted captain Robbie Clarke.

“We weren’t at our best as a team, and we don’t want to be relying on a couple of players. Hopefully it will give us a bit of a shake-up.

“But you can’t be too critical as it has been a fantastic start with us picking up maximum points possible.

“Warrick is in unbelievable form, and Sadaf’s a match winner who can blow away the lower order. He’s getting used to the conditions now and is showing what he can do.”

Alun Morris and Alex Ramsay return to bolster the batting which struggled last week before being rescued by Fynn who carried his bat for an unbeaten 107 – his fourth century of the season.

Defending 224-8 from 55 overs, Pakistani paceman Hussain then took centre stage, picking up 7-50 to wipe out Penkridge for 189.

Welshpool looking to get back on track after suffering blip

WELSHPOOL bid to get back on track in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division one when they head to Shelton on Saturday.

Having made a promising start to the season, Pool now find themselves lying fifth from bottom after last weekend’s 46-run loss to Beacon at Maesdyre.

By contrast, **MONTGOMERY’S** fortunes are starting to look up after notching a welcome five wicket win away at Lilleshall.

The victory, their second of the season, lifted them to third from bottom, two places below Powys rivals Welshpool. They will be out to keep up the good work at home to Wroxeter on Saturday.

High flying **CAE GLAS**, who are going great guns in division three, head to Hodnet & Poplow on Saturday as they seek to maintain their fine run that has taken them 15 points clear.

Having lost ground on the leaders in division four, **GUILDSFIELD** gear up for a tricky home meeting with second placed Allscott.

Elsewhere, Frankton visit Albrighton in the premier division, while Knockin & Kinnerley entertain Lilleshall in division one, while Ellesmere head to Shifnal III in division two.

Meanwhile, the semi-finals of the Montgomeryshire Cup take centre stage at Welshpool on Sunday.

Fynn in the runs on Shropshire debut

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Shropshire clung on for a draw at 226-9 in reply. His Oswestry team-mate Joe Carrasco finished 55 not out.

South African-born Fynn had to wait for his chance, having been living in the UK for the past six years and playing for Oswestry in the Birmingham League.

But he is now eligible to make his Shropshire bow after acquiring citizenship and a British passport.

“I had my ceremony last month in Shrewsbury,

sang the national anthem and was given my passport,” he said.

“I netted a few times with Shropshire a couple of years ago and we looked long and hard at the regulations back then.

“It became apparent I needed a British passport in order to play.

“Now I have got one I can’t wait to get started. It’s going to be an exciting challenge.”

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Former Oswestry batsman Joe Clarke hit his first century of the season with 142 for Worcester-shire against Kent in the County Championship division two.

SAINTS TARGET EURO GLORY

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints aim to hit the ground running when they embark on sixth successive UEFA Champions League campaign against FC Europa of Gibraltar at Park Hall on Tuesday (7pm).

After safely navigating opposition in the first qualifying rounds in recent seasons, the Welsh Premier champions can go into the tie in confident mood as they look to progress through the first stage.

However, despite being favourites, they will take nothing for granted against the Gibraltar premier division champions who completed the domestic treble last term by also winning the 2017 Rock Cup and Pepe Reyes Cup.

The Saints will want to lay down an early marker in the home leg before heading to Portugal for the return the following week after the pitch at Gibraltar’s Victoria Stadium failed a UEFA inspection.

They can take heart from an improving Champions League record that has seen a return of four wins, two draws and two defeats in the last two years, a trend they will be keen to maintain.

It will be a big night for the management team of Scott Ruscoe and Steve Evans who have taken the helm following Craig Harrison’s departure to Hartlepool.

The pair have an abundance of European experience, and will want to make their mark as TNS look to progress to the second qualifying round where they will meet Croatian champions HNK Rijeka.

It appears a favourable opening draw, but Ruscoe will be taking nothing for granted against the Gibraltar premier division champions.

“It’s not a bad draw logistically for us because it’s going to be close with direct flights,” said Ruscoe who himself has played now fewer than 30 times in Europe.

“I’m just pleased we didn’t pick out the Armenian side or had to go to Kosovo, because that would have been going into the unknown. We’ve seen enough of Europa FC. They’re a decent side who beat Lincoln to the title who are always thereabouts in qualifying for Europe.”

Blake’s heaven with medal joy

OSWESTRY Olympian Ollie Blake (pictured) is on a roll this summer with a string of medal winning runs. He continued his fine season by finishing second in the 2017 Abersoch Sprint Triathlon, and is now well positioned in his attempt to win the over-all Abersoch Triple Crown series.

The triple crown consists of three challenging races - the Abersoch 10K, sprint triathlon and half marathon.

Blake has already won the Abersoch 10k in 34.44 minutes from Paul Green (35.00) and Andrew Sait (36.40), while he also led the way in the Park Hall 5k.



Four Crosses stand down from league

FOUR Crosses, having struggled in the Spar Mid Wales League division two, have opted to step down to the Montgomeryshire League next season.

Despite finishing in the basement positions, the Foxen Manor club could have remained in the league, but elected to be relegated in order to rebuild.

“Although a difficult decision to take, it was felt as a committee that at this time it was the right one for the club to take,” said a club statement.

“Having finished close to the bottom of the Spar division two over the past couple of seasons, our squad of players are not strong enough to compete as we would like in the league.

“On top of this, the travelling to away games is an ever increasing problem with several of the squad working on Saturday mornings.”

The statement added: “In short, we feel that a season or two in the amateur league will help us to recruit and rebuild the team, and hopefully return to the Spar Mid Wales League in the near future.

“In closing, the club would like to take this opportunity to thank league and its officers for all the help and support they have afforded Four Crosses FC over the many years and wish the league all the best going forward.”

BERRIEW front runner Karl Seli-aerts has scooped the player of the season award in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Seli-aerts, who netted 24 league and cup goals to finish third in the scoring charts, helped the Rhiewsidiers to a third place finish on their return to the division while they also landed the league cup.

He picked up his award at the league’s annual meeting while team-mate Richard Davies collected the top scorer honour after netting 36 goals during the season.

Guils boss swoops for first signing

GUILDSFIELD’S new boss Nathan Leonard has made his first signing by bringing in highly-rated striker Asa Hamilton to pep up his side’s firepower.

Hamilton arrives from Cymru Alliance rivals Buckley Town, having previously played for Porthmadog, and Leonard is delighted with the new recruit.

“He is a massive signing,” he said. “He is a big strong lad, and is a proven forward with seven or eight years experience in this league.”

Hamilton’s arrival is a timely boost following the departure of defender Sam Litchfield and midfielder Aaron Edwards. Litchfield has made the step-up from the Huws Gray Alliance to the Welsh Premier League at Newtown.

“I’ll never stand in the way of players looking to better themselves, and we wish him well,” added Leonard.

Midfielder Aaron Edwards has also left the Guils to sign for Cymru Alliance rivals Gresford Athletic to be closer to home due to increased work demands.

Guilsfield start training on Monday, with their first friendly against Newtown on Friday, July 7.

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